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# WOMAN'S PAGE.

SPRING MODES IN LOCAL SALONS.

ROUND THE SHOPS.

[By "EYE"]

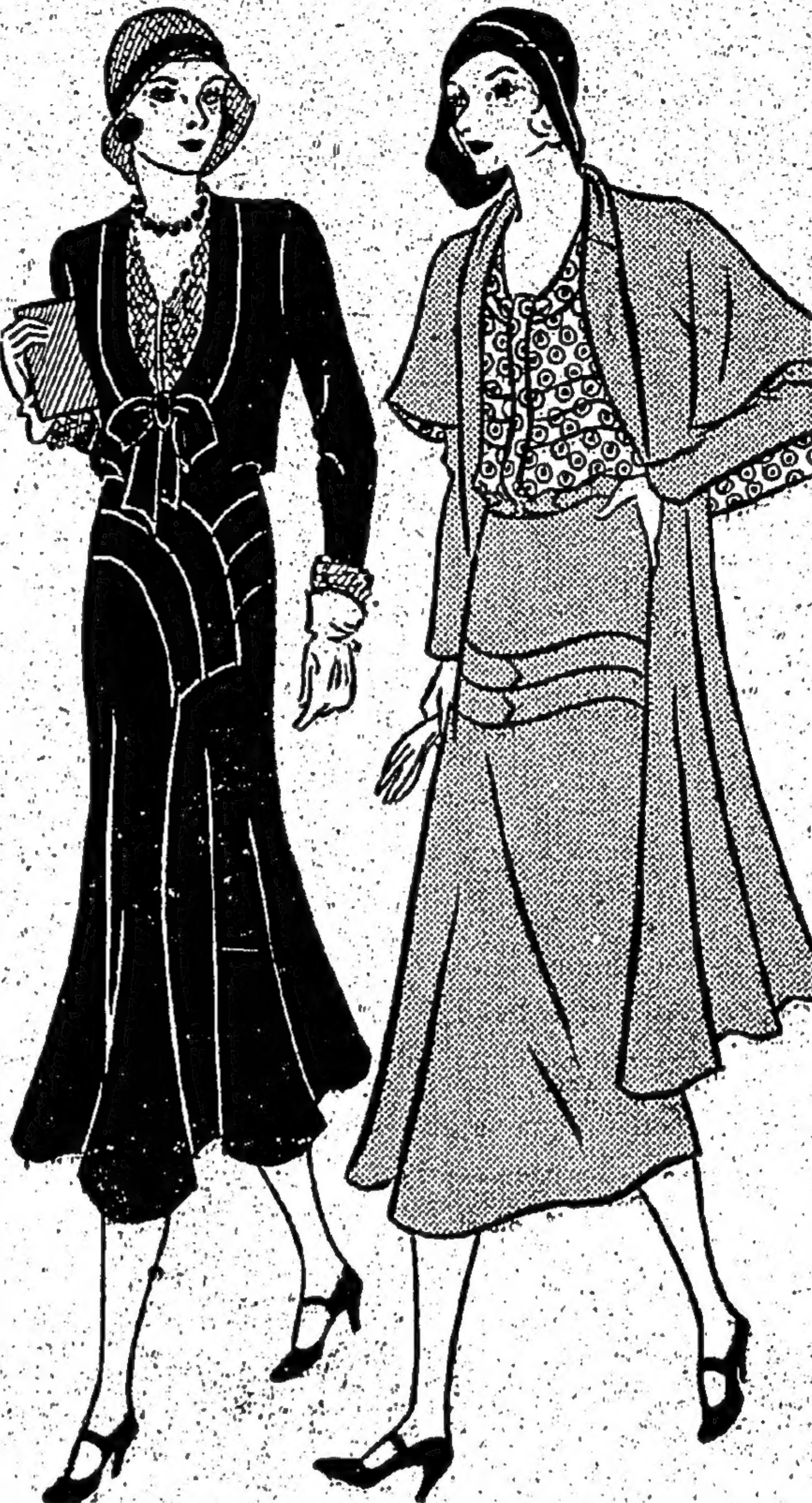
Lane, Crawford also showing a new collection of spring and summer clothes. Although each type of dress is entirely different in style, colour, material, and detail from the last, they all have one thing in common, and this is a spirit of youthful optimism that keeps one enchanted. For the morning and afternoon, the most attractive seem to be the "Devil" dresses which are of English spun crepe and are guaranteed to be fadeless and not to run and are made in a tailored effect. One very charming model is in cream with a yoke in white with a pointed effect, held together with herring bone stitch. With this a short coat of bolero length with a cape collar is worn. Navy and all shades of dark blue, as well as all shades of tobacco brown to a yellowish brown, are the most popular darker colours, while among the lighter colours are red, green and blue. Apart from plain colours, small patterns—pin dots, hair lines, broken checks, speckles, small neat stripes and a moiré effect—are seen among this varied collection.

Whiteaways.—In the furnishing department the wonderful display of cut glass table sets remind one of the quotation, "It is false beauty which is intended only for the shelf," and it makes one glad to see the beauty in the glass-ware to brighten up one's table. "Egypt" is the name of one set, designed on very delicate lines; everything is in keeping throughout—from the decanters with their long delicate lines to the dainty little liqueur glasses. This set has yet another aim besides beauty, for which reason you will find that it is priced well within the reach of most pockets. Heavy cut-glass tumblers with water-jugs to match, the latter in sizes ranging from 2 to 2 pints, were other attractive items.

Gordon's.—Shoes are more varied than ever but on less fantastic lines. There is much less gold and glitter but a great deal of care is exercised with regard to colour schemes. With the many coloured dresses, shoes are made to match or harmonise.



Plain white shoes are decidedly with us and the pump is a favourite for all who can wear it. Trimmings are used cleverly to break up too long a line and to give slenderness and a harmonious division of the shoe by contrasting leather or a slight contrast in tone. On one of the new models crocodile is used on the vamp of a white kid shoe. Another black kid was treated in this manner giving it a very charming black and white effect. Evening slippers continue to match the gown in material as well as colour. Moiré is creeping into favour though satin and crepe de chine are still important. Here again, fine curved bands, delicate strappings and a tracery of gold kid emphasise the wonderful workmanship of otherwise plain slippers.



The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.—The second consignment of spring hats are on view at this popular home of hats, most of them being the celebrated "Catalina" make. Hats for the spring and summer have definite brims, turned back off the face and worn to expose most of the forehead. There are several kinds of new straws, some of them so soft and fine that they look like heavy shiny crepe-de-Chine or silk while others are hard and very shiny with a rough surface. One of the most original is the twined straw in green and white, and navy and white. The "Rajah" weave is another new straw and is seen in the more dressy hats. Real summer hats are made with quite large brims, and although the fur-trimmed still exposed, the face is framed by those bonnet-shaped brims in a most becoming way. Crowns are for the most part small, close-fitting, round and shallow.

Maison Marnac. The new fashions for the coming season have already been decided upon. Some of them have been already shown in this salon in Pedder Street. A good deal of attention will be concentrated on the waistline and Maison Marnac has much to say on this subject and is, too, full of ideas about the clever lines of the new frocks. They will require very skilful handling, but when finished, even the quite comfortably plump woman will be looking as if nature had blessed her with a figure of exceeding elegance and slenderness. Tucks, which have already been mentioned, are used in a variety of ways. A lovely little evening frock of black chiffon, for example, is tucked both on the bodice and round the hips in such a manner that at a little distance one gets a broad effect.

Madam Betty. I happened to call at the Kohinoor Silk Store where I saw Madam Betty at work designing some of the latest creations that will be seen about soon. Madam Betty comes from some of the largest Paris houses where she has been in the dressmaking business for a good many years. Judging by some of the delightfully chic gowns she has created I'm sure she will be a big success in Hong Kong. The charges, I found, are extraordinarily low, bringing the frocks within the reach of those with only a small dress allowance.

The Book Shop and Bible Depot. Gift books for Confirmation are a speciality this week at this book store. "The King's Daughter" is a book of devotion for boys and girls by Julian M. Boys, M.A., and "Daily Light" on the "Daily Path" is a devotional text book for everyday in the year. These are bound in a good leather and are a handy size and would be a treasure through life. "Stories told to the Seamps" are Bible stories told to kiddies in a simple way by the Rev. C. S. Woodward (Cannon of Westminster).



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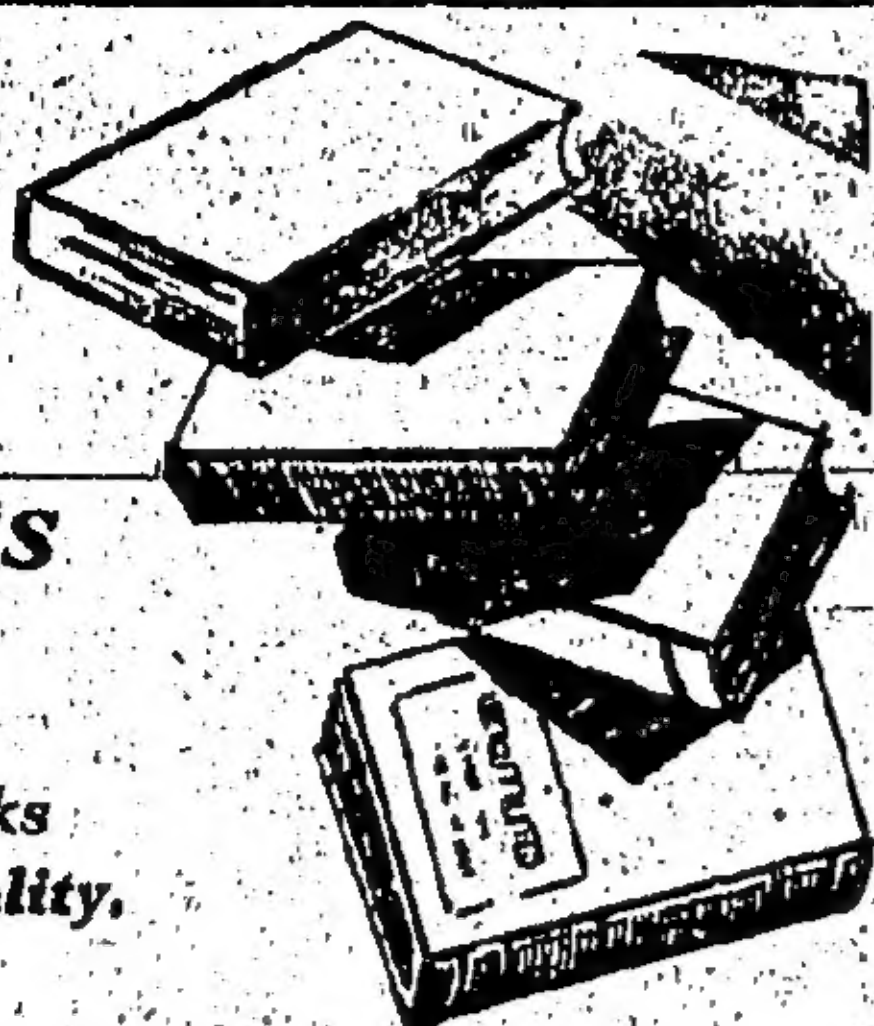
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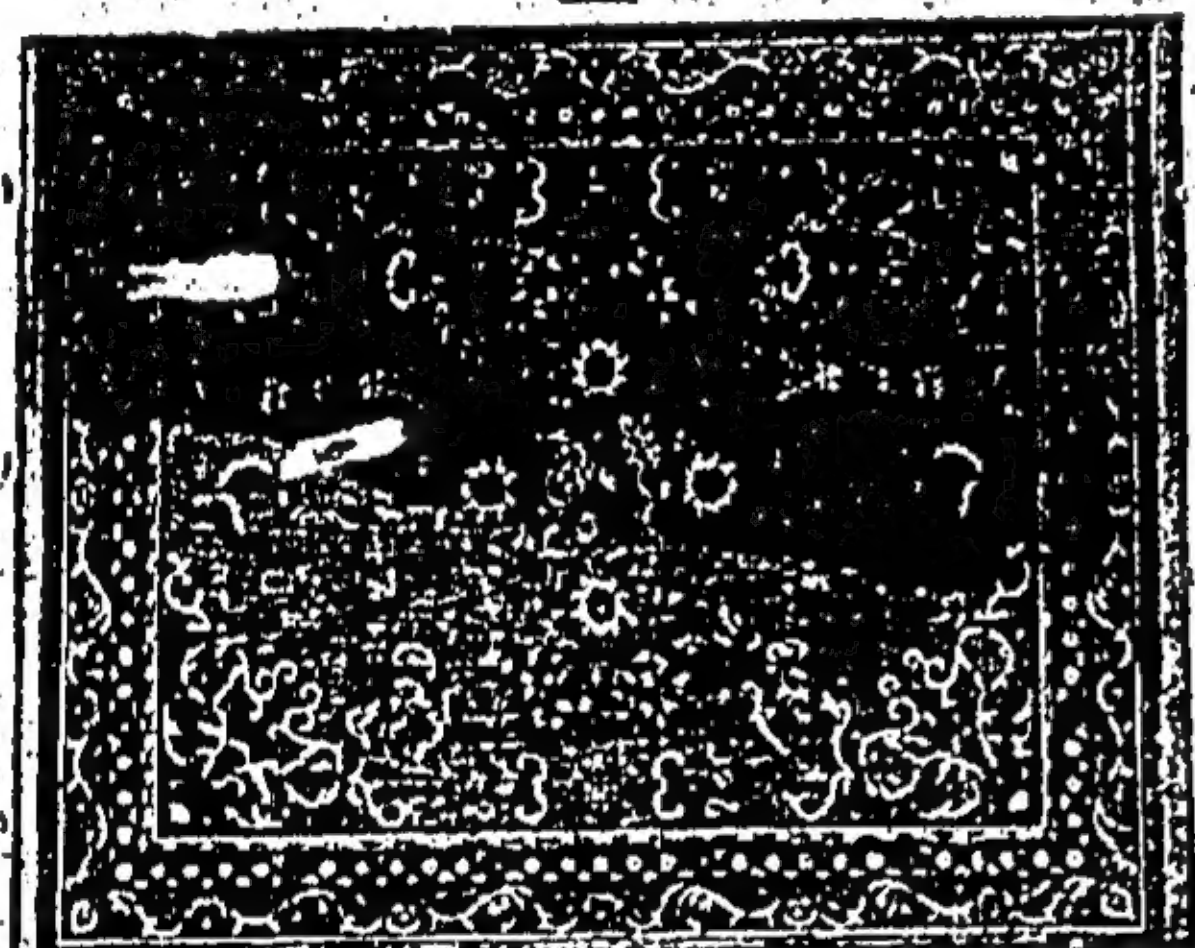
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# WOMAN'S PAGE



new material is a crushed velvet. This is as soft as chiffon and the "crushing" is achieved by a special process which makes a pattern of creases all over it.

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The dressmakers seem unanimous on having long skirts for evening wear, but the skirt length for day time seems to vary at every collection. Some skirts just cover the calves, others reach the ankles and a few that touch the instep.

## BEAUTY'S SPRING CLEAN

There are many, many women and girls in cities who go regularly once a week to beauty parlours to have their faces cleaned, with creams and lotions applied with massage, etc.

But there are those who do not feel inclined to undergo expensive treatment at one of the "parlours," and who, with care, may clean their faces very successfully at home in this way:

Have a basin of steaming hot water at night. Hold the face well over the steam, which, to prevent from escaping, you must throw a bath towel over your head.

Dry the face when it has been well steamed, and dab with elder-flower water, or just plain water with a dash of eau-de-Cologne added to it. Pursue this treatment for a week.

Every morning wash the face with an emollient soap and warm water, and be sure to sponge away all traces of soap, and apply cream and powder in the usual way.

After a week the steaming and soap-and-water treatment may be given up. Instead, wash the face thoroughly morning, midday, and evening with a soft Turkish sponge dipped in rosewater as hot as can be borne.

Follow with a massaging of the face with cold cream, which remove before any powder is applied. The hot rosewater treatment is the secret of a complexion which is known for her lovely complexion.

To a friend she confided:

"I always wash my face the last thing at night with almost boiling rosewater," adding, in all simplicity, "it's a golden rule, you know, to go to bed with a face that's perfectly clean."

## WOMEN'S LARGER SHOES.

### LESS HOBBLING FOR VANITY'S SAKE.

The International Shoe and Leather Fair opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London. One exhibitor in conversation with a reporter said:

"Women are wearing larger shoes. We are not nearly so frequently asked for the very small sizes that we used to be asked for. In my opinion it has nothing at all to do with the size of women's feet, but is merely the result of the modern woman's sensible attitude toward dress. Women are buying larger shoes simply because they are putting comfort before vanity."

It used to be the practice of women to buy the very smallest shoe they could possibly squeeze their feet into; and for days they would hobble about in misery till they had succeeded in stretching the shoe to their feet.

Now a young woman walks into a shop and carefully chooses a pair of shoes which are large enough for her to walk about in comfort—even if it means buying a pair half a size too large. As a consequence girls of to-day are walking much better, and many a modern girl doesn't know the meaning of corns."

## CURTAINS IN MODERN DRESS.

Women have adopted flowing lines and the graceful curves of past centuries for their new clothes, and it is only consistent that the same influence should be found in their homes. Curtains and furnishing fabrics are one of the most important means of emphasising the spirit and harmony of any decorative scheme and all women who are true home makers will be glad to read that Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. have just imported over 17,000 yards of new furnishing fabrics.

The new materials are for the most part of soft texture which enables them to drape well, and many of the designs show the modified modernistic lines which make the latest dresses so lovely. Floral patterns are still in favour both large and small, and while there is a wide range of colour, pastel tones and deep soft colours are the most fashionable. The day of violent juxtaposition of colour is over and where one does find jazz effects they are worked out with great skill and are harmonious rather than bizarre.

## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.



### ANTICIPATION.

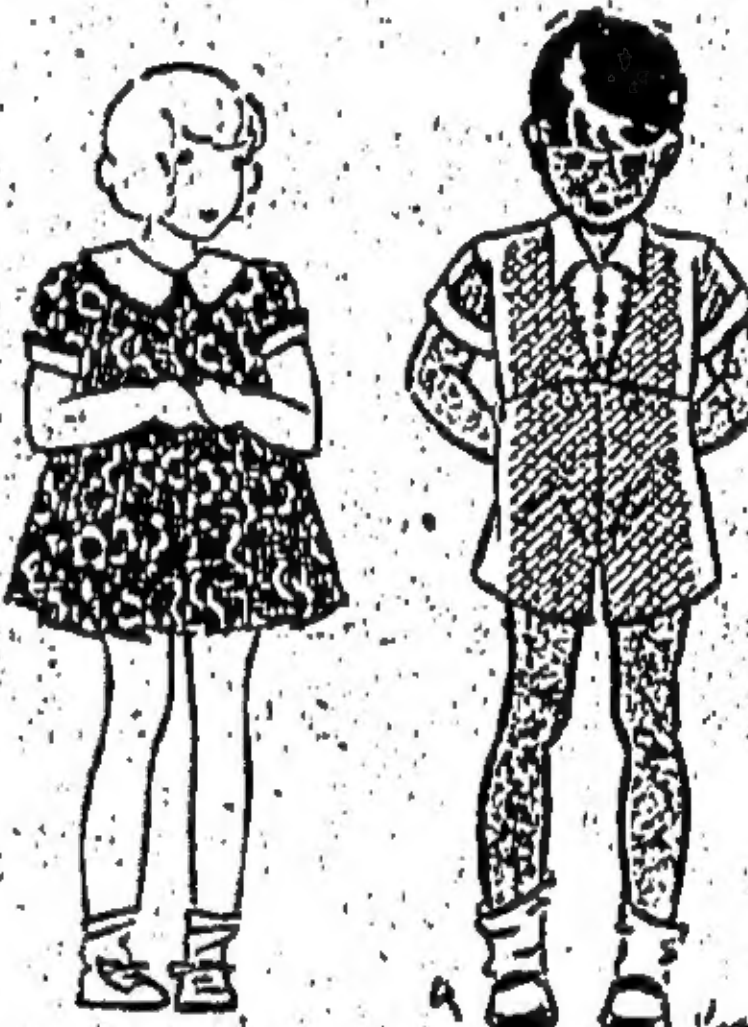
Nurse said there was a parcel. That, as far as she could see, had travelled far, by parcel post, and was addressed to me.

I slid along the parquet floor. On purpose, just to see. If it had travelled very far, and was addressed to me.

The parcel was just lovely! As I could quickly see, with string, and blobs of sealing-wax. As large—as large could be!

I looked the string (least Nanny did). And then to our surprise. We found a doll, with hair of gold, Black lashes, and blue eyes!

I like the dolly very much—She is a pretty thing. But I simply loved the great big box. The sealing-wax—and string!



### SHARKS AT THE ZOO.

A nice little exhibit of real but very small sharks is just now to be seen at the London Zoo. They are baby blue sharks, and though they are little over a foot in length, they gave one a very vivid idea of how frightful these sea man-eaters are when full grown and measuring about fifteen feet.

The top part of the blue shark is a dark slaty-blue, and the under parts are white, and, as in all the shark family, its dreadful mouth is placed not at the end of its snout as in other fishes, but underneath just below the chin. The mouth is full of long, sharp saw-like teeth, which not only line the edges of its jaws, but also bristle like barbed wire on the roof of the mouth and on the tongue, and even in the throat.

It is said that the blue shark declines to eat a black person, but negroes keep out of its way all the same!

### THE LOP-EARED SPYCON.

One of the rarest animals of modern times, for which we can all be thankful, is the Lop-eared Spycan. It is shaped rather like a hippopotamus, and with a tinge of the jackass family. Expeditions have been sent to look for it, and they have searched all through the Caribbean Sea, the Sahara Desert, the Semliki Valley, and the Grecian Archipelago. Why haven't they found it? Because it isn't there. Of course. It lives on the top of Mont Blanc, in Switzerland, and laughs. A revolting creature, is the Lop-eared Spycan.

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## GAY DRESSES FOR THE SUMMER.

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The Paris dress houses' materials for the summer are very gay. At Toller's was the blue of the sky and cornflowers, the yellow of golden corn and the orange red of poppies. Another was in black silk, embroidered with pieces of glass as big as a sixpence in bright colours. Coloured lace is used, a great deal—in pink, green and blue. A



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## THE MANCHURIAN FRONTIER.

### BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS SINCE THE TROUBLE. SURPLUS FOOD STOCKS IN HARBIN.

Harbin.—During the period of the Railway Conflict between China and Soviet Russia, the American Vice-Consul, Mr. A. Lilliestrom, made several visits to the western line as well as to the Three Rivers settlement, for the purpose of investigating all matters on the spot. He has again been on the western line for over a week and on his return gave your correspondent some impressions of the present situation on the railway line, especially near the Barga district. At the present moment the districts of Hailar, Jalnor and Manchuli are perfectly quiet and complete order is maintained, but at the same time life in these districts has become very stagnant and is far from what it was before the railway conflict. The first thing that strikes the eye at present is the great number of tents on both sides of the railway line for the whole stretch from Hailar to Manchuli, these being occupied by Mongols and Buriats. These Mongols as well as all the inhabitants of the district are engaged in cattle breeding which is in a critical position.

In the autumn of last year there were many grass fires and as these were followed by heavy snow at the beginning of the winter, any grass which was not burnt up was covered, leaving nothing for cattle to feed on. The enormous expense of feeding cattle is more than the Mongols can stand and they have gradually drifted nearer to the railway line hoping to find some grazing ground or buyers to take their cattle off their hands. The offers of cattle for the market being greater than in former years prices have fallen and Harbin is now receiving much cheaper meat. Other raw products in the district are also not in demand and thus the population of the western end of the C.E.R. is getting poorer and poorer, not being able to sell their goods and thus also not being able to purchase imports.

Thus notwithstanding peace and order half the houses in Manchuli are empty, standing with windows and doors barred up. The Soviet frontier is closely guarded making it practically impossible to carry on smuggling which at one time was quite a profitable business.

#### A Glut of Food.

Business in furs and fish is as dull as any other, and thus there is no life in trade, many of the Manchuli and Hailar commercial men making their way to Harbin in the hope of finding something more profitable to do there. Of course the situation is largely caused by the world economic crisis though there are also local factors which have accentuated the general depression. As regards the political situation, everything in Barga is perfectly quiet and peaceful, the Mongols being busy with economic work. On the frontier, perfect order is now being maintained, the raiding gangs which gave so much trouble to the inhabitants before having either been broken up by the military or have disbanded.

A short time ago an entirely new band of robbers made its appearance at Three Rivers settlement, it is such a small one that the defence forces will have no difficulty in liquidating it.

The economic situation of the western line is a very bad condition, though while many are making their way from the district to Harbin, there are many Harbiners who are trekking west in the hope of finding profitable work in the country on both sides of the railway line. Figures just published of stocks of fish, game and meat at present in Harbin fully confirm the above statement of the position of affairs on the western line. In fish alone there are 1,500 pounds in store, and unless this quantity is sold quickly, it will all be valueless the moment the weather gets warmer. Prices are so low that they do not cover the freight and taxes, and therefore there are at present 17 cars of fish at Hailar station not despatched, but lying in the railway warehouses in frozen condition. Once the thaw sets in, all will be ruined.

## WAR BOOKS!

(Continued from Page 1.)

There was, however, one war book written in 1910 that had a great writer as its author, and is therefore likely to survive. That is John Masfeld's *Gallipoli*. It contains a restrained, truthful, and in some ways consoling account of that campaign, without any personal element in the story. Its main object is to immortalise the men who fought and died there and to show how near they came to victory, and there is not, so far as I know, any contemporary account of fighting on the Western Front which can compare with it as a work of literature.

This book, however, is lacking in one piquant quality, essential for the satisfaction of post-war readers. It is devoid of criticism; and in this respect it is in complete contrast to some of those published soon after the Armistice. We may take as an example of the latter, *Realities of War* by Philip Gibbs, the Press correspondent, who had been compelled during the war to abstain from criticism, though he had often seen evidence of the most ghastly blunders. He now gave vent to his pent-up feelings and dwelt on all the horrors he had seen, making no secret of his contempt for the staff and his sympathy with many of the revolutionary mutterings among disillusioned ex-servicemen.

#### The Banker and Junior Officer.

Some of the first books to be enlivened by criticism were, as was to be expected, written from the point of view of that novel phenomenon, the "educated" private soldier. The first significant one from the point of view of an ex-ranker was *A Private in the Guards* by Stephen Graham. It was rather refreshing to find that in this and similar books prominence was at last given to the hardships endured and the annoyance caused, not only as a necessary condition of trench life, but in the enforcement of discipline by a certain type of autocratic N.C.O., and by that brand of officer whose mind was so absorbed with shining mess-tins and burnished cartridges.

Next to the ex-ranker, the ex-subaltern was a man with an unusually good viewpoint. One of the first books by a subaltern was *Tell England*, which passed through twenty editions in as many months. I have never been able to work up much enthusiasm over that book. The first half of it deals with the school-days of the author, Ernest Raymond, up to August, 1914, and as a school book it is interesting. Then the eighteen-year-old lad and his pal become subalterns and set forth to the Dardanelles on a troopship where they chum up with a Church of England padre as soon as they get on board. He is a very sincere and likeable person, and under his persuasive influence they embrace his religion with fervour. Thenceforth the book becomes very sentimental. I cannot help feeling that a better title for the book would have been *Tell the Church of England*.

Few books by junior Army officers could surpass in interest and literary merit Siegfried Sassoon's *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer*, which is of much more recent date. In the closing portion he deals with his pacifist obsession in 1917 and his defiance of military authority as a protest against the continuation of the War. This gives the book a climax, which distinguishes it from so many of these narratives of personal experiences. And yet the climax is disappointing, for one expects his defiance to have far-reaching consequences, whereas it leads merely to a medical board and a verdict of shell-shock. I held very similar views to Sassoon in the early days of 1918, but if I had dared to adopt the same policy of defiance, the result would have been a firing party.

War is seen from an entirely different viewpoint in *The Escapin Club* by A. J. Evans. Here we have, not the oft-repeated tale of attack and counter-attack, but an

extraordinary record of prisoners of life in Germany. It is full of stories of escape and attempted escape which would seem incredible but for the fact that they are corroborated by the actual names of the camps and of his companions. The same remarks apply to *The Road to Endor* by Lieut. Jones; this is a tale of captivity with the Turks.

#### Memoirs by Leaders.

Among all the memoirs of leading men—naval, military and civilian—pride of place must be conceded to *The World Crisis* by Winston Churchill. In the course of five volumes he has given us a comprehensive survey of all the events leading up to the War, and every material phase of the great struggle on the various fronts, on the sea and at home. Whereas the other accounts by leading men are written from the standpoint of the historian, the politician or the naval and military leaders, Winston Churchill is able to visualise the whole world crisis and view it from several unique angles by reason of the posts which he held.

#### "All Quiet on the Western Front."

In January, 1929, there was published in Germany the book which gave a great impetus to the revival of interest and was destined to become famous above all others: Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*. In March it was translated into English and went through five editions in April. Since then two and a half million copies have been sold and it has been translated into 17 languages.

It is interesting to speculate why this book should have made such a universal appeal as compared with all the others. In Germany it raised a storm. It was apparently the first book of its kind containing anti-Kaiser talk, criticisms of Prussian discipline, and pacifist propaganda, which were naturally resented by the nationalist elements in Germany, and it became the most talked-of book of the year, even though probably a majority of the German people condemned it.

In England it was welcomed as revealing the German private's point of view, after such a flood of books from the pens of our own soldiers. The public was immensely interested to find that even German N.C.O.'s were defied sometimes, even the German artillery occasionally "fired" short into its own trenches; we never knew how appalling our bully beef really was until we read that raids were made for the principal purpose of capturing a store of it from our trenches.

There is far more pathos than humour in the book: in fact the humour is almost non-existent. Such incidents as the passing-away of Kemmerich and breaking the news to his mother, the significant sight of a pile of new coffins as the troops enter a village, the sudden shattering of the recruits' nerves, the hungry prisoners begging for food, the Russians and subsequently the Germans dying of dysentery, the death of Kat—these things almost make one weep at the pity of it all. I had always considered it a sign of immaturity in an author if he dwelt on the sordid details and horrors of the battlefield. Apparently I was mistaken: it was just what the public wanted. The accounts of hand-to-hand fighting, the ghastly descriptions of wounds and of soldiers being blown out of their clothes, of

limbs torn apart and hanging on trees or on the barbed-wire, the long-drawn-out horror of the dying Frenchman in the shell-hole—these were hailed as "Reality." There are what suited the public taste in 1929. And more than that. This book is distinguished by many perfectly filthy passages. I hesitate to say that these passages definitely caused "All Quiet" to be more popular; but they created a sensation.

In my opinion, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, in spite of its intemperate portrayal of the outlook and experiences of this young German soldier, is not such a masterpiece as many British war books which, on account of their restraint and wholesomeness, have not attracted public attention to the same extent.

#### Other Realistic Books.

As soon as it was realised a couple of years ago that the more an author revelled in the horrors of war and shocked his readers, the greater was his chance of success, the public was given all it wanted. *The Storm of Steel*, published in Germany some years before, was translated and we were able to read about casualties on almost every page.

Robert Graves produced an autobiography, *Goodbye to All That*, in which he emulated Remarque's example and dealt with all sorts of unattractive subjects. Parts of it are very good, but throughout it bears evidence of being written by a neurotic person.

It is a pleasure to turn to a really good war tale of 1930, *Her Privates We* by Private 10029. Although it introduces a certain amount of swearing, and is as true a picture of the everyday life of the men in the ranks as could be wished for, it is not objectionable. Its characters are a well-to-do young fellow who is being urged to take a commission, a Jew who is an inveterate "lead-slinger," and a cheerful Lancashire youth of seventeen. Some of my friends have declared it is the best war book they have read.

#### "The Spanish Farm."

I am now coming to the subject of Novels, but it is necessary to mention first rather a peculiar work which, as John Galsworthy says in its preface, "is not precisely a novel and not altogether a chronicle." I allude to *The Spanish Farm* by Mottram, and its counterpart *Sixty Four Ninety Four*, added to it a year later. Here we have a picture of the War, as seen through the eyes of the daughter of a Flemish farmer, in whose abode British battalions are constantly being billeted from one year's end to another. To quote Galsworthy again: "Madeline is an amazingly lifelike: an individual Frenchwoman of the North, firm as ever stood on two excellent legs; no compromise about her outlines, nothing fluffy and nothing sketchy in her portrait. She imposes herself with her tenacity, her clear knowledge of what she wants, her determined way of getting it, her quick blood, her business capacity, and once more her tenacity."

Her relations with the British are mostly concerned with making money out of the sale of eggs, coffee and bread, cooking meals and washing shirts for officers, exacting compensation for damaged barns and stolen hop-poles, and checking up the billeting money which rolls in as each successive unit paid for the privilege of occupying the farm. Her only love affair with a Britisher is not prompted by any deep feelings, as her heart is given to a French Officer who never troubles to write to her. The occasions

when Lieut. Skene, the Englishman, comes into her life are few, and the last one is after the Armistice when he pays her a brief visit and she vents on him all her fury over the war in general, the death of her lover and the damage done to the farm.

In the second book, *Sixty Four Ninety Four*, we see the war through the eyes of that same Lieut. Skene. It starts where he comes to the farm as a reinforcement officer. The meeting between him and Madeline takes place in both books and so does each subsequent encounter, but from quite an opposite angle. Everything they did is told again in different words, even to that last disappointing departure when they realise that they mean nothing to one another.

(There is a third book in what is known as *The Spanish Farm Trilogy*, *The Crime at Vandergindergh*, but it resembles the others so closely that it becomes tedious to read.)

#### Novels.

It is a curious thing that the two books which occur to me as being the greatest war novels are not by Englishmen at all. One of them is *Imbues* by *Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, which is too well known to need any analysis.

In my opinion an equally great novel on a war theme is *The Case of Sergeant Grischka* by Arnold Zweig, translated from the German in 1928. It is the tale of a Russian prisoner in Germany who escapes, becomes possessed of the identity disc of another Russian who is being sought for as a spy, is caught by the Germans, tried by court-martial and sentenced to be shot. He proves who he really is, but military Red-Tape ordains that the sentence shall stand. The book is conceived on a vast scale and leaves a great impression on the imagination.

I have only recently become familiar with a new English war novel, *Mistral without Bar*, by Richard Bickel, and it would not surprise me if it were to take a fairly high place in war literature. It is merely an account of the adventures of a middle-aged solicitor, a family man, who joins up, becomes an artillery officer, and goes through the war in France from 1916 to 1918, but—like Zweig's book—it is conceived on the big scale which marks great novels; unfortunately it has the drawback of being without a climax. It is beautifully written and admirably restrained. The book has special interest for ex-servicemen in that it contains frequent references to innumerable villages in and behind the line many of which are all too familiar to those who served in France.

#### Conclusion.

The great craze for war books is already on the wane. In England last year publishers showed me recent books of high merit, works which had not met with the success expected, and it is possible that they will be as chary of bringing out new ones in the coming year as they were in 1929. It seems that everything worth writing about the war has already been written.

I realise that if any of you here to-night had been giving this lecture, you could probably have chosen quite a different set of books to cite as illustrations. There must be hundreds of very interesting books on the market, and I expect to be asked why I have not mentioned this one or that one; but even were I familiar with the entire output of war literature, I could not have dealt with more works in the short time available. I feel it is an honour to have the satisfaction of seeing myself in print, once again, and this time I shall not have to pay for it!

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11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.  
12.30 p.m.—European programme.  
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local  
time, and Rugby Press news.  
2 p.m.—Close down.  
3 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.  
7 to 10.30 p.m.—European pro-  
gramme of Victor and H.M.V.  
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7 p.m.—Stock quotations.  
7.02 to 7.35 p.m.—Professor R. K.  
M. Simpson, M.C., M.A., will  
give the third of a series of  
talks on Shakespeare.

7.35 to 8 p.m.—"Schubert's Un-  
finished Symphony in B Minor"  
played by the Royal Opera  
Orchestra, Covent Garden, con-  
ducted by Eugene Goossens.

8 to 8.30 p.m.—  
Musical Comedy and Talkie  
Tunes.

"Charlotte's Masquerade"—Selec-  
tions—New Mayfair Orch.

"The Love Race"—Selections.—  
New Mayfair Orch.

"The Girl Friend"—Vocal gems.—  
Light Opera Company.

"The Quaker Girl"—Vocal gems.—  
Light Opera Company.

"Hit the Deck"—Selections.—  
Savoy Orpheans.

"Good News"—Selections.—Victor  
Arden-Phil Ohman and Orch.

"Funny Face"—Selections.—Victor  
Arden-Phil Ohman and Orch.

8.30 to 9.30 p.m.—  
Chamber Music.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time,  
etc.

Pianoforte Solo—"English Suite  
in A Minor" (Bach).—Harold  
Sauer.

Violin Solo—"Cancion Popular" (De  
Falla-Kochanski).—Fritz  
Kreiser.

Violin Solo—"Malaguena" (Al-  
beniz-Kreiser).—Fritz Kreiser.

Cello Solo—"Menuet" (Debussy).  
—Pablo Casals.

Pianoforte Solo—"Liebesleid" (Lo-  
ve's Joy).—Kreiser-Rach-  
maninoff.

Violin Solo—"La Fille Aux  
Cheveux De Lin" (The Maiden  
With Flaxen Hair) (Debussy-  
Hartman).—Jacsha Heifetz.

Violin Solo—"Scherzo" (Greig-  
Achorn).—Jacsha Heifetz.

Violin Solo—"Waltz" (Debussy).  
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Cello Solo—"Mazurka" (David  
Popper).—Pablo Casals.

Cello Solo—"Musette" (Bach-  
Pollini).—Pablo Casals.

8.30 to 10 p.m.—  
Concert Items.

Song—"The Gypsy and the Bird"  
(Oxenford-Benedict).—Madam  
Anelita Gali-Curei (Soprano).

Song—"The Blind Ploughman"  
(Clarke).—Peter Dawson (Bass-  
Baritone).

Song—"Bonnie Mary of Argyle"  
(Traditional).—Peter Glynn  
(Tenor).

Piano Solo—"A La Bien Aime"  
(To My Beloved) (Schutt).—  
Harold Baur.

Song—"Oh Promise Me" (Scott-  
De Koven).—Louise Homer  
(Contralto).

Song—"A Lover in Danusca"  
(Woodford-Flinden).—Peter  
Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

10 to 10.30 p.m.—  
Orchestral and Band Music.

"Blue Danube Waltz" (Strauss).—  
Philadelphia Symphony Orch.

"Pagoda of Flowers" (Woodford-  
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Colonial Guards.

"1812 Overture" (Tchaikovsky).—  
Royal Opera Orchestra of  
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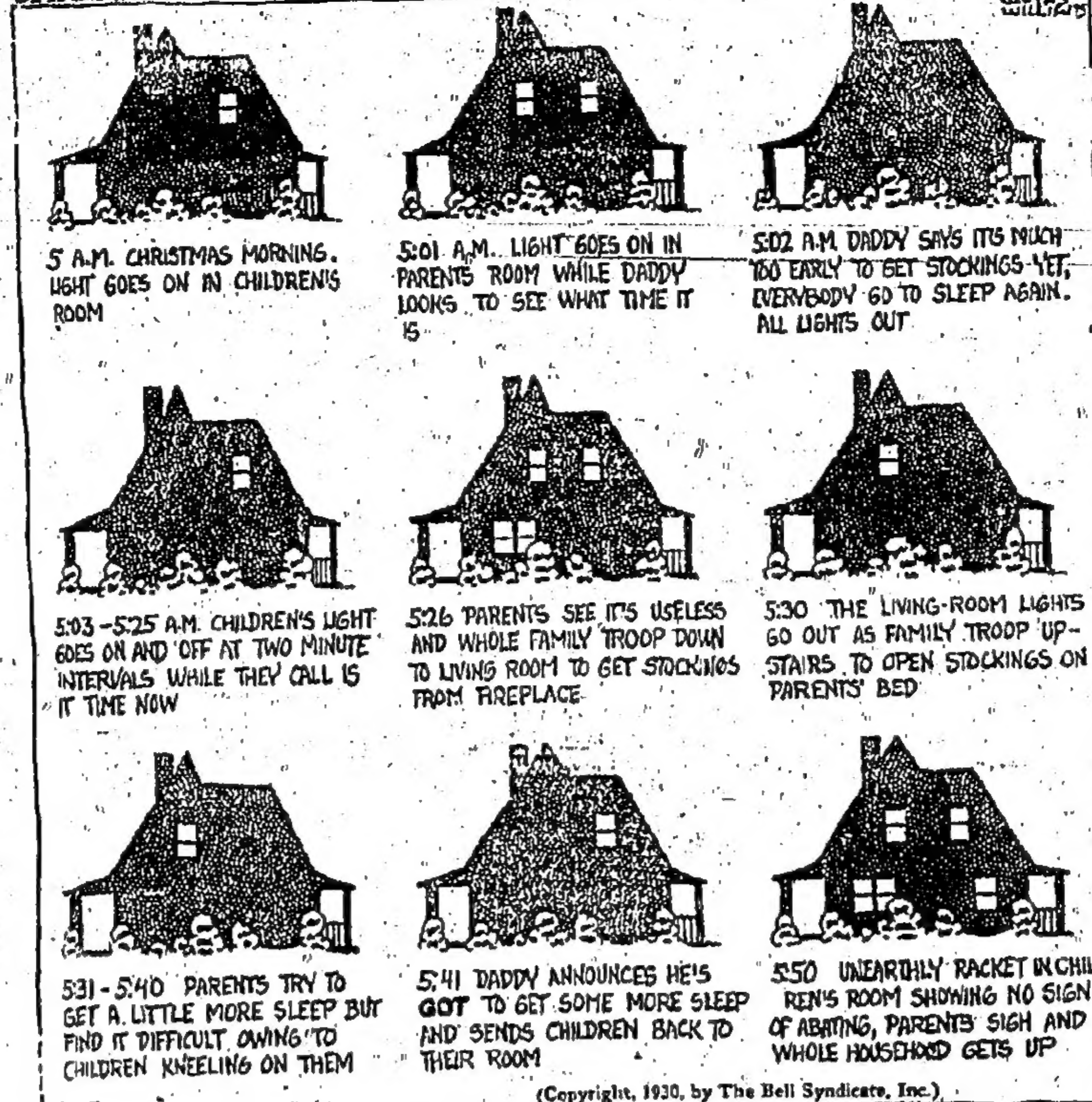
"God Save the King."  
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

DICK TURPIN OF  
ROUMANIA.BANDITS HOLD UP PASSING  
CARS.

Bucharest, March 2.—The methods  
of Dick Turpin have been brought  
up to date by a gang of motor  
bandits operating on the Kron-  
stadt road.  
Last night a gang of these bandits  
stopped a large number of passing  
cars on a lonely stretch of the  
Kronstadt road. These cars con-  
tained in all 35 passengers. The  
bandits relieved them of all their  
possessions and then took them into  
neighbouring woods and bound  
them to trees.

From the several cars they had  
stopped they selected the best and  
drove off.  
The police heard of the outrage  
and in three fast cars gave pur-  
suit. They overtook the bandits and  
opened fire. Finally they managed  
to capture three bandits, several  
others escaping.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

FRENCH DEFENCE  
ESTIMATES.42 PER CENT. OF WHOLE  
BUDGET.OPPOSITION FROM  
SOCIALISTS.

Paris, March 6.—The Chamber  
of Deputies to-day reached the im-  
portant credits for national defence  
in the 1931 budget and danger is  
looming for the Cabinet in the  
greatly increased expenditures for  
the national military and naval  
establishment.

The debate in the Chamber of  
deputies to-day centred on the air

estimates which provide for an ex-  
penditure of francs 2,220,000,000.  
This figure represents an increase  
of francs 200,000,000 over the air  
estimates for 1930.

The debate over the national de-  
fence credits, postponed for some  
time because of the recent govern-  
mental crises, is fraught with  
danger. The Socialists, especial-  
ly, are antagonistic toward any  
further commitments in preparation  
for war.

For two defence this year France  
is attempting to set aside francs  
11,600,000,000 or 12 per cent. of her  
whole budget. The army is to cost  
approximately 4,777,572,000 francs,  
the navy 2,850,511,533 francs and  
the colonial defence 1,713,059,585 francs.  
These expenditures will be in addi-  
tion to the aid estimates of 2,220,  
000,000 francs.

## Socialist Opposition.

Upon this programme the So-  
cialists and Radicals are expected  
to launch their bitter attack.  
France spends nearly four times as  
much on her military and naval  
establishments as she spends on  
public instruction, 70 times as  
much as on beaux arts and 20 times  
as much as on agriculture.

The recent National Council of  
the Socialist Party at its plenary  
session in Paris discussed the  
Party's attitude toward the war  
credits and decided that the  
Party's traditional standpoint  
should be maintained. This means  
that the Party will vote against  
the government.

Current events in the Chamber  
of deputies are being watched with  
the closest interest because of the  
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up. The show failed before it  
reached New York and the song  
didn't go over."

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ing prepared for the New York  
stage, I was considered for the  
leading role but plans went awry  
and I lost out again. This time  
the show went over and the song  
became a tremendous hit.

"I had almost given up hope of  
ever getting a chance to sing it  
when I was selected for the role  
of Loopee in Radio Pictures' film  
version of 'Hit the Deck' and given  
the long-wanted opportunity to  
feature this number, which is the  
theme song of the picture."

PALESTINE STILL IN  
FERMENT.RENEWED AGITATION AMONG  
ARABS.

Jerusalem, March 3.—There are  
signs of further trouble in Pale-  
stine. The agitation among the  
Arabs over the letter which the  
British Premier, Mr. MacDonald,  
sent to Dr. Weizmann, interpreting  
the Government's statement of  
policy in Palestine, far from cool-  
ing down is rising to fever heat.  
A meeting of the Arab Executive,  
which opened at 9 a.m. yesterday,  
sat into the early hours of this  
morning to discuss the document.  
Heated discussions culminated in  
a decision that there should be no  
negotiations whatever with the Jews  
and that in view of the alleged boy-  
cotting of Arabs by Jews, a strong  
boycott of the Jews should now be  
enforced.

The meeting also resolved to en-  
courage the people to support  
handicrafts and local goods and  
generally to use local produce in-  
stead of foreign goods.  
Further protests are also being  
instigated by the Government on vari-  
ous matters, including the purchase  
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CHINA'S PROSPERITY.

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CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

An interesting address on "Money" was delivered on Wednesday evening to members of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association by Mr. M. A. Cooper, B. Com., of Hong Kong University, the speaker having himself been identified with the Y.M.C.A. movement in England for several years.

After outlining the more important functions which money was intended to perform, and showing how the performance of these functions was rendered difficult and even impossible by the actions of the issuing authorities and by variations in the value of bullion, the lecturer went on to consider the value of money according as it could be defined as a fixed quantity of gold or silver, coined and capable of being melted again without restriction; as a coin which was kept by limitation of supply at a value above that of its bullion content; and as a note, issued either by a government or a bank.

The speaker pointed out that the pre-war English sovereign fell within the first category. Before the war, coinage of sovereigns was entirely without restriction, and there was no real restriction on the melting or export of these coins. Because of this, there could be no appreciable divergence between the value of gold and the value of the sovereign. For nearly a century, as Professor Cannan had pointed out, the British sovereign would buy what the amount of gold it contained would exchange for, and the existence of coined and uncoined gold side by side under the conditions mentioned was adequate proof of their having equal value, weight for weight of gold. What was true of the gold sovereign must be true of any coin, gold or silver, which existed under similar conditions. If the coinage of silver Hong Kong dollars were free, and economists used the word "free" to indicate "unrestricted," and if there was no practical check on the export of these coins, the value of the dollar could not be appreciably different as a coin and as a piece of silver.

Bullion. The value of bullion, said the speaker, depended on similar conditions to the value of any other commodity, to the forces at work behind the supply of and demand for it. Before the war, about half of the world's gold was demanded for purposes of ornament, for hoarding, and for industry. The other half was demanded by governments and banks for currency purposes. We had seen in the case of silver that variations in the demand for bullion for currency purposes were just as important, if not more so, than changes in industrial demands. The policies of banks and governments in currency matters were far from stable, to say the least. They might decide to change the proportion of specie reserve against their notes or other demand liabilities; they even decided on occasion to adopt new currency systems wholesale without paying adequate regard to the effects of their revolutionary policies on peoples in other parts of the world. Co-operation in demands for both gold and silver for currency purposes was remarkably lacking. Politicians had yet to realize that the world was now an economic unit, and that any large-scale attempt to follow a policy calculated to benefit one section of the world and injure others was dangerous if it were made without serious discussion between the parties concerned.

Mr. Cooper stated that it was not easy to secure reliable figures of silver production, and estimates were sometimes different from the facts of the case by a fair margin. The Indian Treasury was secretive about its silver sales; it adopted the attitude of a dentist to a small boy asking him to close his eyes so that he might not know when his tooth was to be drawn. Monsieur Poincaré had been just as secretive about the rate at which the French franc was to be stabilized, not realising that had he shouted it to the whole world the franc would have reached stabilization much quicker than it did.

Indo-China and India.

The speaker was of the opinion that the sooner the facts of the position were known, the sooner would we reach a position of something approaching stability. It was estimated that Indo-China had sold 60 million ounces of silver during the latter part of 1929, and 20 million ounces in 1930. As a vendor of demonetized silver, she seemed to be passing out of the picture.

India had been assumed to have 20 million ounces of silver for (Continued on next column.)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

POPSY PROTESTS!

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

MY DEAR,—I do think that middle-aged men were simply too unkind. I cried for hours after reading his letter.

You know I'd never be unkind to dumb animals and I've always said that even the humblest creatures like beetles and worms and civil servants, and all sorts of crawling things like that must once have had mothers who cared for them and even if you can't quite adore them you can be kind to them. And I've got Tubby to buy, no end of tickets for the S.P.C.A. Ball and I only hope that everybody who loves animals like me, you know what I mean, will turn up and then it will be a perfectly lovely evening.

And I do think it's too bad if a girl can't try to help to suggest how to get money and Angus says I've lots of splendid ideas and last night when Tubby was out with the dog Angus kissed me and said that was a tribute to my genius but for goodness' sake don't tell Tubby, still it is nice to feel there's someone who appreciates you.

And, my dear, it's simply too wrong what he says about my not being interested in the home and all that because even Tubby says I take as much care of our aspidochelone as if it was a baby, and if I am just a tiny weeny bit modern and don't positively date on antimacassars I'm always nice minded so don't let horrid men be unkind to me.—Your very hurt,

POPSY.

disposal when she decided to desert silver for gold in 1927, this to be disposed of over twelve years. During the three years, 1928, 1929, and 1930, her sales had been estimated at 60 million ounces, which meant that she still had a large stock to sell. France had sold 20 million ounces of demonetized silver in 1928, 10 million in 1929, and 22 million in 1930.

The speaker was unable to say how much more silver France was likely to sell as he had not the necessary data. With regard to the production of new silver, it was more than likely that with silver at its present low price, more than 80 per cent, was turned out as a by-product of copper, lead, and zinc. It had been stated on reliable authority that only 30 per cent, of the output of new silver, in 1928, was the product of "straight" silver mines, and that most of these could not make a profit if the price of silver fell below 22d. per ounce in London. So that, until the trade in copper, lead, and zinc improved (copper fell from about £72 to about £47 a ton, during 1930), there was not likely to be any increase in the output of new silver; rather would there be a decrease, as there had been for 1930 as compared with 1929 (estimates of 244 and 257 million ounces, respectively). On the whole, therefore, conditions of supply were better than had been for some time, though the Indian Treasury might administer heavy chastisement to silver, at any time within a short period as it had done in the past.

The Demand for Silver.

With regard to the demand for silver, assuming that Mr. Darling's currency scheme was not likely to be adopted, almost everything now depended on the political situation in China. If China could hold up politically, she could hold up economically. So long as she remained on a silver basis, from which she was not likely to shift, and if her industries and trade could make sound and steady progress, there could be little fear that silver was down for ever. Her silver demands would be sufficient to prevent that. But her demands for silver depended on her economic position, her economic position depended on the ability of her government to give security to life and property and develop new schemes of transport and finance, and while the signs were exceedingly hopeful, progress must be slow if only because of the Government's poverty.

Owing to the length of the address, the speaker was obliged to cut short his final remarks, and concluded by showing how it was possible to keep the value of a coin like the British shilling and the silver rupee at a monetary value higher than its bullion value by limitation of supply, and the relationship which was likely to exist between notes and coins when they circulated side by side.

## CHEUNG CHAU GOVT. SCHOOL.

REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

On Wednesday afternoon the prizes were distributed at the Cheung Chau Government School by Mrs. de Martin, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Director of Education, Mr. Brown, Inspector of Schools, and several other European and Chinese visitors were present.

This school, which is now 25 years old, is housed in a fine modern building overlooking the harbour, and has a staff of four masters, three Anglo-Chinese and one vernacular and supplies the educational needs of a large community. Unfortunately, as Mr. Hon, the Headmaster, pointed out in his report, only a small proportion of the village people can afford an education for their sons, and still fewer can send them on to the senior colleges in Hong Kong when they have passed out of the middle school in Cheung Chau.

The Government has this year added a senior class to help to some extent those boys who could profit by an advanced education from which they would otherwise be debarred by poverty, and the headmaster hopes to see a second senior division established in the future.

Scholarships generally provided by the Government, by Mr. Woo Hay Tong, and by Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, are available for two or three pupils in every class and Mr. Li Yau Chuen kindly allows free passes on the ferry to boys who go from Cheung Chau to King's or Queen's College.

There is a large playground for net-ball and volley-ball and several matches have been played against visiting schools. Some day it is hoped that the school garden and a football ground will be made, but it has not been possible as yet to level the land and to secure an adequate water supply.

Needs of the School.

Other needs mentioned in the Headmaster's report are quarters for the staff, whose health has suffered from having to live in the very unhygienic conditions that prevail in the village, a gramophone with records in English for use in the colloquial classes, and books for the pupils' library. The report shows that excellent work has been done during the year and the results of the annual examinations were highly satisfactory. Dr. (Mrs.) E. M. Minnett, visited the school twice during 1930, and commented favourably on the health and cleanliness of the pupils.

While one cannot at such a time of financial difficulty advocate the spending of public money on improvements like those desired by this school which are not absolutely vital, one may at least sincerely hope that a school which is doing so much for the general good of a large village community some day have all it needs. Its influence is not confined to the pupils but must permeate their homes, and the proof of the benefits conferred by education is patent to anyone who walks through the village and compares these clean, alert healthy and courteous schoolboys with their less fortunate companions.

## NEW CAKE SHOP OPENED.

A POLICEMAN'S UNLUCKY LOT.

The Indian policeman on guard yesterday morning outside Lane Crawford's cake shop in the King's Theatre Building, appeared to be entirely enraptured with the tempting display in the windows. Only a stern sense of duty kept him from taking up his stand on the pavement to feast his eyes unintercepted upon the wedding cake, flanked by two confections covered with marzipan flowers, and above them, two cakes thickly iced with violet sugar. A policeman's lot is not a happy one! Hard to see one person after another entering the shop, and, one by one, the tempting delicacies being removed from the window; hard to see the customers coming out laden with white boxes! Perhaps the only consolation was in sternly moving on others whose pockets did not allow them to buy.

Despite the attractions of the wedding cake, it was the next window which was, perhaps, the most tempting, with its array of cakes and tarts richly decorated with fresh cream. Round the Wyndham Street corner a window was given over to Easter eggs. Among the gay foils and ribbons which decorated the eggs strutted most amusing painted wooden birds, tunicas and the like, which certainly seemed more likely to tempt than the march hare of tradition.

The management of Lane Crawford's Restaurant certainly deserve congratulation for the enterprise which has made possible the opening of this delightful little shop, and with such very tempting goods business even in these hard times should boom.

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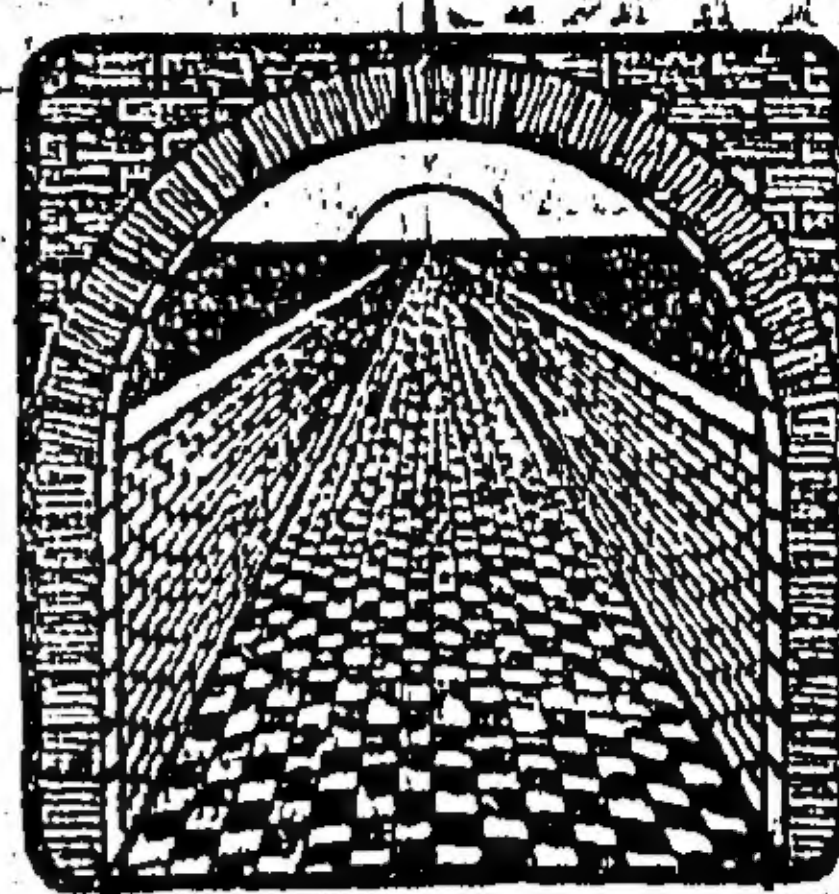
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GROCERY DEPT.

## SUSPECTED MURDER

BULLET HOLES FOUND ON DEAD BODY.

FATAL DROWNING ACCIDENT AT KOWLOON.

A case of suspected murder was brought to the notice of the Police yesterday, when the corpse of a 10-year-old Chinese was picked up on the foreshore at Shun Cheng, New Territories.

The dead body was first seen by Police Officer Darkin shortly after noon yesterday. On closer inspection, bullet holes were found on the head and body of the corpse, and these gave room for suspicion that there had been foul play. A 30-

plated automatic bullet was extracted from the left thigh. The body was found in a very decomposed condition, and had apparently been in the water for over 10 days.

A drowning accident, involving the death of a Chinese seaman, Chu Sam (37), occurred outside Holt's Wharf at about 5 p.m. yesterday. The deceased was working on board cargo lighter No. 2330 when he fell off the vessel. Artificial respiration was applied by the comrades of the deceased immediately after the body was taken out from the water. There being no sign of return to life an ambulance was hurriedly sent for, and the victim sent to hospital. Life, however, had become extinct and the corpse was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.



## Y.M.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

## A SATISFACTORY YEAR REPORTED.

## SOUND FINANCES AND EXTENSION PLANS.

There was a very good attendance yesterday evening at the annual general meeting of the European Y.M.C.A., held at the Association's premises in Salisbury Road. The President, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, was in the chair, and gave an interesting review of the year's work, in which emphasis was laid on the good financial position, and fine work being done for young men in the Colony and the plans for extending the present building.

A cordial welcome was extended to Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., who, with Mrs. Hunt, has recently returned from long leave in England. Mr. Shenton said: "The annual general meeting has usually been held at 8 p.m., but your Directors decided to change the time to 9 p.m., in the hope that it will be more convenient to members, the attendance this evening indicates that the Directors have been correct in their decision."

We have great pleasure in welcoming back our Secretary, Mr. Hunt, who has been on home leave, and we are all glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have enjoyed their holiday, and are returning full of renewed vigour. Mr. Ingram has recently left on a well-earned leave, and we shall be glad to see him back again in due course.

During Mr. Hunt's absence Mr. McPherson very kindly took over the Secretaryship in addition to his many other duties and we are very appreciative of his assistance and general supervision, although he tells me that most of the detailed work was carried out by Mr. Ingram. Mr. McPherson gave us his services without remuneration and we are therefore very much indebted to him for all he did.

## Tribute to Sir Henry Pollock.

Before proceeding further, I want on behalf of our Association to express our gratitude to the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, who has for so many years been connected with us, and who is now on a long holiday in Europe. Sir Henry Pollock has been connected with us from our beginning in 1914, and has been President of the Association from 1919 until last year. I have had several letters from Sir Henry Pollock, and I am sure you are all glad to hear that both he and Lady Pollock are benefiting by their stay in Europe. Sir Henry Pollock has been indefatigable in his efforts on behalf of our Association, and we shall be very pleased to see both he and Lady Pollock amongst us again.

When in England last year I had the pleasure of visiting the Head Association and attended one of their regular affairs after which I had a long talk with Mr. Chamberlain on the general organization.

## Increase in Income.

I am glad to see that there has been a substantial increase in our gross income. It was unfortunately necessary for the Directors to increase the board and lodging charges as recommended by the House Sub-Committee who have given the matter their very careful consideration, but on the other hand, I am glad to see that a part of the increase is due to the increase in the number of members which is always a happy augury for the success of any Association and indicates the appreciation of our services. It is a matter for congratulation that a large number of the young men of the Colony are finding this Association a convenient and happy place to spend their leisure time in.

Whilst dealing with the finances, I am glad to note the flourishing condition of the various Clubs under our aegis, and it is a matter of satisfaction to see that the members are assuming a larger share in the management of our activities, and this we believe largely contributes to the success of the past year. In the Library and Debating section the general interest appears to have waned when compared with former years, but I hope the coming year will see a renewed interest in this important section.

## Extension.

One of the outstanding events of the past year has been the decision to undertake the present scheme of extension. The desirability has been apparent to your Directors for some time. It is the intention of your Board to obtain a sufficient number of rooms to accommodate casual visitors, members of the mercantile marine and naval ratings, as it has been difficult to meet

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## JUBILEE STREET MURDER.

## MANY "RED" SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY.

As a result of investigations carried out by the police into the murder of Yau Pak Ya, the Cantonese detective, by a gang of alleged Communists in Jubilee Street on Tuesday, a large number of suspects have been taken into custody. Interrogations are being carried out, and it is hoped that more light will be thrown on the matter before very long.

The murdered man was a very valuable member of the Canton Police Force and was attached to the special anti-Red organization under Leung Tse Kwong, the terror of the "Reds." Yau has been responsible for the arrest of nearly a hundred "Reds," about 30 of whom have been sentenced to death.

While this success was very much valued by the officials, it was resented by the Communists, with the result that Yau had several very narrow escapes from death, and he later found it convenient to take up quarters in Yau-mai. It was while he was on the way to Police Headquarters on Tuesday that his assailant "got" him. The latter is believed to be a member of the Kwangtung Youth Communist Party, an organization more direct, in its aims, than the Third Internationale than any other "Red" party in China.

## THE S.P.C.A. CARNIVAL BALL.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-NIGHT.

The S.P.C.A. Carnival Ball takes place to-night, when both the Roof Garden and the Rose-Room, at the Peninsula Hotel will be in use. Supper is to be in the Rose-Room at 8.30 p.m. and the dance will continue until 2 a.m. The Hotel are making arrangements to serve a special dinner for guests who wish to attend the Ball. Tickets will be obtainable at the door, and it is expected that many will avail themselves of this facility.

This already increasing demand, but the addition of 30 bedrooms should bring the necessary relief. Increased facilities for recreation are also badly needed, I have myself noticed how difficult it has been to accommodate those who desire to join in our various social functions, and I have been informed that on one of our evenings nearly 200 members and friends endeavoured to find accommodation. It is unnecessary to point out that a swimming bath is a most useful adjunct to any institution. I cannot pass from this subject without expressing the appreciation of the financial facilities which our Association received from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which has enabled us to proceed with the new extension and will not only increase our revenue, but add very considerably to the amenities of our Association.

The Directors believe that the Y.M.C.A. is an asset to any community, but particularly so in a place like Hong Kong, where men are continually arriving from home. They find themselves in the midst of new conditions so that an institution of this nature is invaluable in assisting them to become generally acclimatized to their new surroundings.

## Y.M.C.A. Ideals.

The Y.M.C.A. is a powerful body. It is a religious and moral institution—not as its enemies would have the world believe, a sanctimonious one. It prescribes no harmful pastime, but, on the contrary encourages every special of wholesome recreation at proper times and places. The extension of mental, moral and religious culture to all who desire the blessing, is one of its leading objects, and another is to place Christianity in its legitimate light before all men, by showing practically that genuine cheerfulness and the practice of virtue is incomparably preferable to the false and fleeting excitement of a life of indulgence.

"Christianity is intensely practical," she has no trait more striking than her common sense."

Before concluding, on behalf of the Board I desire to thank all those members who have been uniting their efforts in making the past year so successful for the Y.M.C.A.

Lt. Col. W. F. Christian, D.S.O., Mr. J. P. Warren and Mr. F. W. James were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, terminated the business of the evening.

## SEVEN ESTATES.

## LARGE SUMS OF MONEY IN LOCAL WILLS.

## FORMER RESIDENTS.

Estates in Hong Kong totalling \$822,400 with net personality worth \$233,483 have recently been dealt with at the Supreme Court.

Sir David Yule, late of No. 8, Clive Row, Calcutta, who died at Hasted House, St. Albans, Hertford, on July 3, 1928, left Hong Kong estate worth \$250,300, while net personality elsewhere amounts to \$225,504 19s. 3d. Re-sealing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the executors. Bequests are of a family nature.

The late Mr. Walter Poate, late of "Woodmanote," West Byfleet, Surrey, who died at the Pump House Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, Radnor, on September 8, 1930, left local estate which has been valued at \$275,300, with net personality elsewhere amounting to \$29,078 1s. 8d. Re-sealing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the executors.

In addition to family bequests, testator provides for contributions in equal shares to the London Hospital, Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Church Army, in the event of the death of his wife or daughter.

Local estate worth \$30,500 was left by the late Mr. Harry Stanshope Rawson, who died at Ravenswood, formerly known as Aberfeldy, Ellington Road, Taplow, Bucks, on November 2, 1930. Re-sealing of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the executors.

The late Mr. Charles Bonin, who died at Barcelona, Spain, where he was temporarily residing, on September 29, 1929, left \$12,000 Hong Kong estate. Letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Jonson, Stokes and Master.

Letters of administration with the will annexed to the estate of the late Mr. Fraser Jamieson, master mariner, has been granted to Mr. D. J. C. Moore, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. Testator, who died at No. 30, East Street, Torrensville, South Australia, on July 4, 1929, left Hong Kong estate to the value of \$5,400, with other estate in Australia, the Straits Settlements and England. The bequests are of a family nature.

Local estate to the value of \$1,600 was left by the late Mr. Archibald John Jewell Brock, formerly of H.M. Naval Dockyard, Hong Kong, who died at the Naval Hospital on December 21, 1930. Probate has been granted to Mrs. G. B. Chittenden, of No. 12, Edder Street. Everything is bequeathed to the widow.

The late Mr. William Cooper Passmore, master mariner, for many years employed by the Douglas Steamship Company Limited, who died at No. 5, Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon, on February 2, 1931, left local estate worth \$1,300. Probate has been granted to the widow, Mrs. N. G. Passmore, to whom everything is bequeathed.

## GAMBLING FEVER.

## RAIDS ON "MIDGET" RACE TRACKS.

A miniature race track, where backers staked cents to win cigarettes, figured at Central Magistrate's yesterday when a Chinese was charged with keeping a common gaming house in which a game known as "Escalado" was being patronized by Chinese fans.

The defendant, while admitting the facts, contended that horse racing was not gambling. His Worship was then given a demonstration of how the game was played. Detective-Inspector Shannon, prosecuting, told the Court that he had watched the game for over an hour and it was his opinion that there was no possibility of skill. He had not seen the same horse win twice in succession, nor had he seen a dead horse.

In answer to a question by the Bench, Detective-Inspector Shannon agreed that if all their backers put their money on one horse the banker would lose.

His Worship ruled that the game became gambling if one person kept the bank to the exclusion of all others. A fine of \$10 was imposed. A further fine of \$10 was imposed for having cigarettes without a licence.

## CLAIM ON LOCAL BANK.

## ALLEGED WRONGFUL SALE OF PROPERTY.

## LEGAL ARGUMENT.

The action brought by Mrs. Chu Shuk of 121, Caine Road, against the Banque Franco-Chinoise, for \$42,000 damages in respect of the wrongful sale by the latter of property which plaintiff had mortgaged, was continued before Mr. Justice Wood at the Supreme Court yesterday when Mr. F. C. Jenkin opened the case for the defence.

Plaintiff's case is that she mortgaged the property to the Banque to provide banking facilities for Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh, and that, without making a demand upon her for payment of principal and interest, the Banque wrongfully sold the property at a gross undervalue. She also claims that no consent was given for the drawing of cheques, but the defence contends that consent was given by her agent, Dr. Tam Sai-fan, in counter-signing cheques drawn on the overdraft account provided.

Plaintiff is represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Stedley, of Messrs. G. K. Hall Bruburn and Company, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, is instructing Mr. Jenkin.

## The Defence.

In addressing the Court, Mr. Jenkin said plaintiff had admitted, through her counsel, that she consented to the overdraft account which, defendant contended were evidenced by Dr. Tam Sai-fan counter-signing the cheques, would not avail defendant because it was not a banking facility covered by the mortgage deed itself. This point, counsel submitted, was not open to plaintiff on the pleadings.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that it was not now open to plaintiff, having filed no reply, to argue that the signing of the cheques referred to was of no avail, because the cheques, transactions were not facilitated by the mortgage deed. His Lordship, however, stated that he was against Mr. Jenkin on that point, adding that he would make a note of it. Mr. Jenkin then went on to say that he would submit that the drawing of cheques on an account with the Banque was clearly one of the banking facilities contemplated by the deed.

An overdraft, he said, was obviously an advance of a sum of money by a banker to a person. That being so, he would submit that the second of the clauses covered by the covenant was also in respect of all advances made by the mortgagee, or on account of Mr. Pittendrigh.

## Statement of Claim.

His Lordship intimated that incidentally the defence was also a statement of claim. The fact that the defendants alleged a breach of another covenant formed part of their defence and was a statement of claim for that reason.

Mr. Potter said he was afraid he could not agree. If such was the case, the position of pleaders would be impossible.

His Lordship said he held that Mr. Jenkin had pleaded something which had not been set out, and he now wished to raise points regarding it. His Lordship did not consider he could raise those there and then unless it was done so on terms. Mr. Jenkin should not be stult out altogether, but his points would have to be raised on terms.

## Legal Argument.

When the hearing was resumed Mr. Jenkin submitted it was clear what the defence was contesting. If it was not clear then it was the duty of plaintiff to ask for further details of the defence.

His Lordship was against Mr. Jenkin on the point, while Mr. Potter said that no fair reading of the pleadings could tell them that the new points were going to be put forward.

Mr. Potter said he must protest against the amendments, as particulars had nothing to do with this matter.

His Lordship: I am with you there. Mr. Potter: Well, I am submitting that not a single one of these defences appear even in embryo form in their statement of defence. Further argument ensued and His Lordship finally said that so far as the costs were concerned as incurred by the inclusion of the amended case they would be paid by the amending party (defendant). He would be permitted to continue with and develop his case on two conditions: (a) In the final order of costs, the Court would consider the increase of costs in consequence of the amended case and to award them against defendants, and (b) If it should appear that defendant succeeded on his defence only, then he would have to pay the whole of the costs of the action, up to and including the day of amendment, and (c) liberty to plaintiff to file a reply and to apply generally.

The hearing will be continued this morning.

## WIDESPREAD EVIL.

## 'PIRICAL' PUBLICATIONS OFFERED FOR SALE.

## PRISON WITHOUT FINE IN FUTURE.

Representing the Commercial Press, Ltd., Mr. H. C. Macnamara of Messrs. Deacons yesterday prosecuted two Chinese firms of book-sellers of Queen's Road, East, for exposing for sale books which purported to be published by the Commercial Press but which were not so published.

The representatives of both the defendant firms pleaded guilty.

Addressing Mr. W. Schofield, before whom the men were summoned, Mr. Macnamara said that the Commercial Press, Ltd., was a well-known firm of printers and book-sellers, established in Shanghai and carrying on an extensive trade here. The books which formed the subject of the summonses were mainly elementary books for use in school and had been sold by the Commercial Press for a number of years. They bore the "C.P." trade mark as well as the words "Commercial Press, Limited."

## "No Bones About It."

"A very large number of book-sellers in this Colony," said Mr. Macnamara, "have been in the habit of getting hold of copies of these books which are simple and direct copies of our clients' books and have been copied in a most unblushing way with our clients' name printed on them. They make no bones about this and do not even attempt to disguise the deceit."

"These books are of a very inferior character and are printed on worse paper and in every way they compare poorly with the genuine article."

"We have already had two prosecutions in the past. The King Kee Book sellers pleaded guilty in January last before Mr. Butters and were fined \$50 and ordered to pay \$250 towards our costs. A week later the Wah Shing Book Depot was summoned before Mr. Lindell and a similar penalty was imposed."

## May Go to Prison.

"I do not ask your Worship to inflict more than a fine in this case, I do think that these firms understand the gravity of what they are doing. They do not see that this is a criminal offence. If your Worship will say that people who do this sort of thing will be sent to prison, it seems to me our clients will be able to protect their rights better."

Mr. Macnamara went on to say that the Commercial Press, Ltd., have had to pay royalties on some of their publications. The two convictions earlier in the year had been widely advertised but had apparently made no impression on the book-sellers at all. Circulars giving details of these convictions had also been sent out.

In answer to the Magistrate, the defendants stated that they had both received the circular mentioned by Mr. Macnamara.

Each defendant was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$150 towards the costs. In imposing the penalty, his Worship added: If such a conviction is registered in the future, the question of imprisonment without fine will be considered by the Court."

## HOLIDAY IN CANTON.

## ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF DR. SUN.

## [FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 12. Today being the 6th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and also an Arbor Day, both were combined in a general holiday, and, as in the past, every public organization and school in the city is planting trees in various parts of the suburbs. To insure the safety of the tree planters, the Bureau of Public Safety has despatched large numbers of police to various parts of the suburbs.

Under the leadership of the College of Agriculture of Sun Yat Sen University, a big campaign was launched this morning, the purpose being to arouse the people to the necessity of reforestation, and considerable publicity work is being done to bring the significance of the occasion home to the people. The Government University held a big meeting this morning in which a number of professors of agriculture spoke. After the meeting the students and members of the staff went out to the University farm in Shanghai and planted a large number of trees.

The whole city is also in mourning in commemoration of the 6th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun, revered as the Father of the Chinese Republic and founder of the Kuomintang. Flags are hoisted at half-mast over every public building and in front of each home and shop. Each Government department held a memorial service and the vernacular Press gave great prominence in their pages to the significance of the day.

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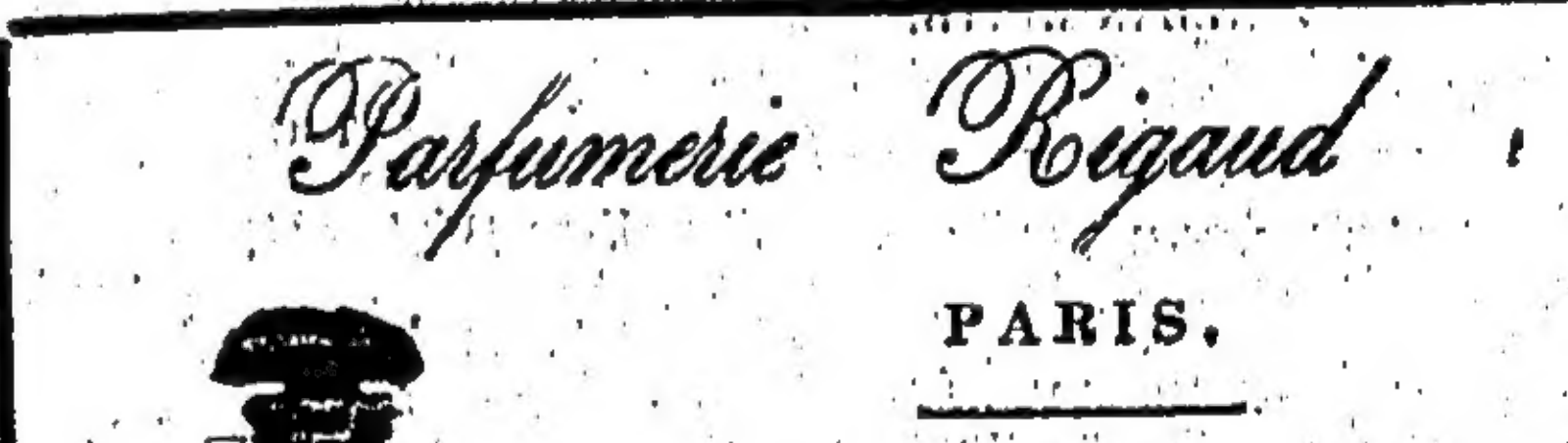
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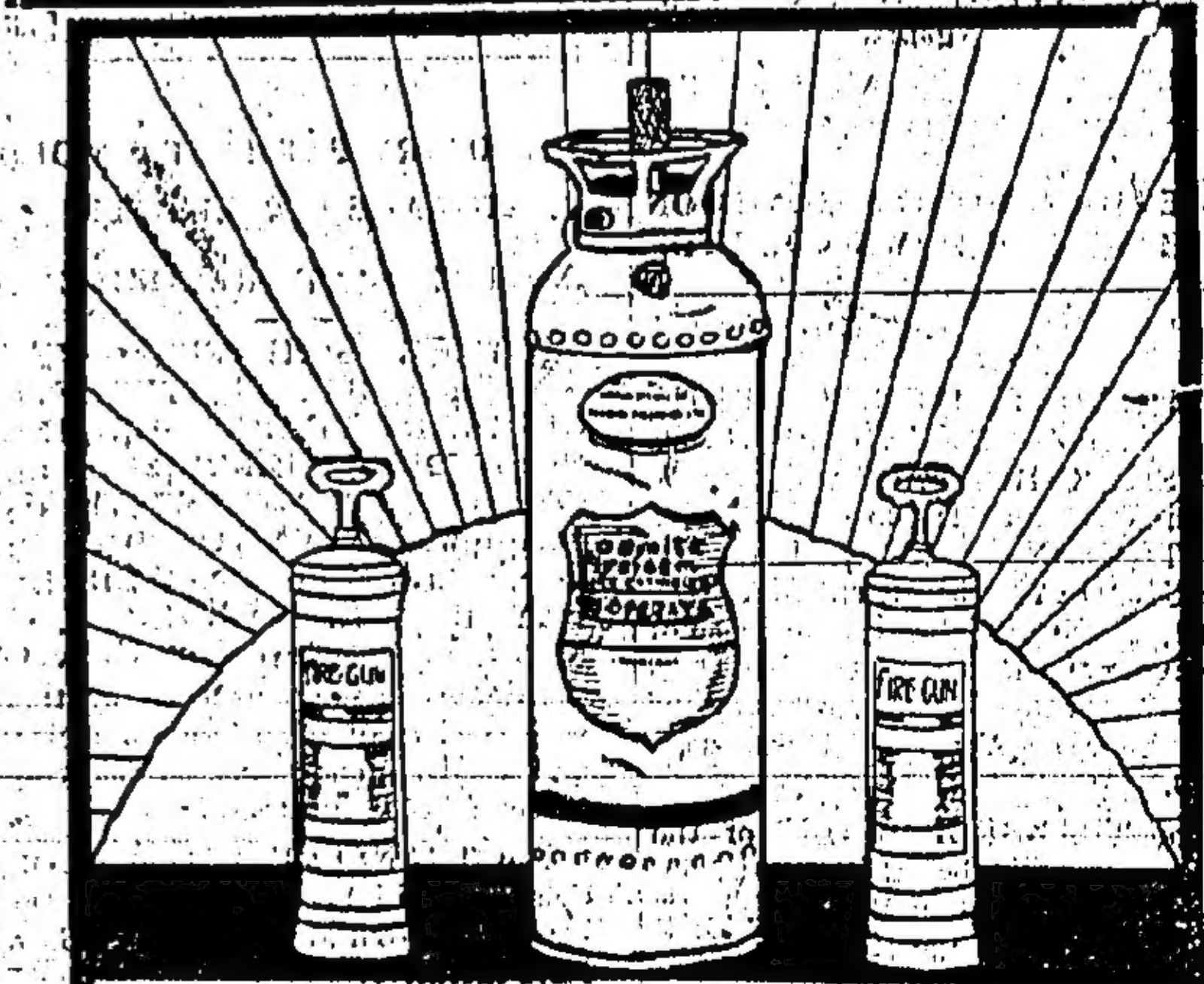
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## NOTICE.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, the 20th MARCH, at 5.30 P.M. [460]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's BOARD ROOM, 2nd Floor, ALEXANDRA BUILDING, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended December 31st, 1930, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the Transaction of any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1931, until TUESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
D. L. KING,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, March 11th, 1931. [458]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.,  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, EXCHANGE BUILDING, 2nd Floor, 12th Day of MARCH, 1931, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ALLAN KEITH,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 18th Feb., 1931. [346]

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. BUILDING, on WED., 18th MARCH, 1931, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th MARCH, 1931, to 15th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.,  
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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931. [350]

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th MARCH, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPPEL,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931. [393]

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HONG KONG CLUB.  
NOTICE.

THE THIRD YEARLY DRAWING OF DEBENTURES (1930 Issue—\$500 Each) of the HONG KONG CLUB, PAYABLE ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931, will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M., on FRIDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1931.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

T. A. ROBERTSON, Lieut. Col.,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th March, 1931. [444]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; Co., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 16th MARCH, 1931, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st October, 1930.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 11th Day of MARCH, 1931, to TUESDAY, the 17th Day of MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive, during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931. [433]

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's TOWN OFFICE, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. D. THOMSON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931. [384]

## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.55 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened slightly and is central to the S.E. of Shanghai. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast.

## BIRTH.

EDWARDS.—On March 6, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. EDWARDS, a daughter.

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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MARCH 13, 1931.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
MR. BALDWIN.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, Lord ROTHMER and Lord BEAVERBROOK are doing a national disservice in splitting the Conservative Party. At this time of economic crisis the need in England and in the Empire, is strong central government. A clear and uncompromising policy is, however, only possible when the Government of the day is assured of a majority in the Commons. The fatal weakness of Mr. Asquith's Government, before the War broke out, was due to his dependence on Labour and Irish votes, and the half-heartedness of Mr. MacDonald's Cabinet arises from a similar lack of freedom to go ahead as the party wishes. What Labour would do had it a free hand is hard to say, but the Trades Disputes Bill, gave an inkling of its subservience to the forces of disorder, while the Education Bill, over which Sir CHARLES TREVELYAN resigned, was a sign of unrepentant extravagance. Labour has shown no constructive statesmanship in Home affairs, unemployment continues to increase and the party's adherents are disillusioned. If the Conservatives were united and loyal to their leader a general election could probably be forced and a majority won at the polls. The divisions and doubts of the rival parties render them vulnerable to decisive attack, but vigorous measures are impossible while the present confusion lasts. The country needs a period of careful and stable government of the kind that only the Conservative Party could give, but unfortunately the party's chance of success is being thrown away.

The issues raised are of some importance. The proprietors of two groups of popular parties, the Right Honourable Lord BEAVERBROOK and the Right Honourable Lord ROTHMER, hold the opinion that Mr. BALDWIN is an unsatisfactory leader. The matter was thrashed out at a party meeting, and, after a full discussion, the whole assembly (Lord BEAVERBROOK dissenting and Lord ROTHMER not being present) decided to ask Mr. BALDWIN to continue in the leadership, and appeals were made for undivided loyalty in the future. The response of the two newspaper proprietors was an intensifying of the "Empire Crusade," which resulted in a victory for Lord BEAVERBROOK's nominee at the South Paddington bye-election, and a splitting of the Conservative vote at East Islington which allowed Labour to hold the seat. Meanwhile, a campaign of vilification goes on against Mr. BALDWIN. His every utterance is examined, every past action in his career is turned over, and a host of skilled writers and cartoonists holds him up to reproach and ridicule. Inevitably Mr. BALDWIN's

position has been gravely weakened by this intensive bombardment. Mr. BALDWIN is a man who has made mistakes. He is probably no better and no worse than the average Prime Minister. Sir ROBERT HOARE or Lord HALLAM might do as well, but not better, and they would soon be in the bad graces of Lords BEAVERBROOK and ROTHMER. Mr. BALDWIN is, however, a man who inspires an almost fanatical devotion among a large section of his party who see in him a very great man, and a much needed influence in public life. Moreover, in the nation at large there is a feeling that if Mr. BALDWIN is ousted by Press propaganda, then no one is safe, and the Conservative Party has accepted the overlordship of Lords BEAVERBROOK and ROTHMER, and their respective newspapers.

The suggestion that Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL is to become the mouthpiece of Lords BEAVERBROOK and ROTHMER is probably ill-founded. Mr. CHURCHILL has resigned on the India issue and nothing else. His secession, and his rallying of the Die-Hards against Mr. BALDWIN, is extraordinarily inopportune and ill-advised, but that Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL will ever be prepared to dance to the tunes called by Lord BEAVERBROOK and Lord ROTHMER is unlikely.

The Conservative attitude towards the next stage of the Round Table Conference is hard to understand. It certainly appears that Mr. BALDWIN and his followers have blundered. On the other hand, the torrent of abuse comes from the enemy camps. If Mr. BALDWIN had supported the further co-operation of his party he would have been denounced for upholding the "Irish surrender." Now that he has withdrawn his party's help he is "a turn-coat and a traitor." For months Lords BEAVERBROOK and ROTHMER have been hostile to the Round Table Conference, and a hard name could be applied to this latest move on their part. As things are going at present the net result of their policy will probably be the return at the next general election of a Labour Government, which is not likely to do what that eminent pair of patriots think to be to their own and to the Empire's best interests.

## SCIENCE AND SOLOMON.

In the Bible Solomon had to decide between two claimants for a single living child. The test he applied was crudely psychological, and one may doubt whether, though it solved the problem, it would commend itself either to modern doctors or to modern courts of law. A German judge who recently had to decide between two mothers and two boys had tests of a more rigidly scientific nature to his hand. Blood had to decide, but the instrument was the lancet, not the sword. The way in which the case came before the courts was rather strange.

FRAU DONK and FRAU BEUTH bore children on the same day in the same hospital. They thought at the time that their children had been wrongly sorted, but they were overpersuaded by the hospital authorities. The two women went their separate ways until the other day, eleven years afterwards. FRAU BEUTH saw a boy who was "the very image of her husband." His name was DONK. Later investigation showed that the BEUTH boy was the picture of Herr DONK. Now the mothers are going to the courts to get their own children restored to them; but will they be happy when they get them back? By the age of eleven a child has developed a strongly marked character. Will the mothers be prepared to believe that their prodigal sons' faults of character are due to original sin and not to the atrocious upbringing of the unwitting foster-parents? And think of the tales that the two children may tell. There are no secrets of their former homes they will not be able to reveal. The time may come when the two families will wish that they had let bygones be bygones.

## ★ News and Views ★

## Bust on Lily Langtry's Grave.

A bust of the famous actress, Mrs. Langtry, the work of a Nice sculptor, has been erected on her grave in St. Saviour's Cemetery, Jersey, on the order of Miss Mathilde Peet, who was Mrs. Langtry's friend and to whom she left her villa and other legacies.

## A Church's Plight.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Brighton, has had a financial crisis. The vicar's stipend is to be reduced by £100 a year, the curate is to be asked to resign, no church funds are to be allocated to choir treats or outings, and the custom of heating the church all the week is to be discontinued. The offertories last year amounted to only about £300.

## A Judge Stymied.

"Does the design on a golf ball make any difference to its flight?" asked Mr. Justice Farwell when hearing a case between two firms of golf ball manufacturers in the Chancery Division. "It is supposed to have some effect," said counsel for the defendant firm, "but probably there is a good deal more fancy than reality about it. Certainly many people have the idea that it does." "I do not play golf," confessed Mr. Justice Farwell, "and I know nothing about the game."

## East Lynne as a Talkie.

"East Lynne," Mrs. Henry Wood's sentimental masterpiece, has been made into a talkie. Statisticians estimate that since 1921 over one hundred million people have been entertained or moved to tears, according to their susceptibilities, by the adventures of Lady Isabel and Little Willie and the tribulations of Archibald Carlyle, the husband who forgave her though he could never forget. Now Hollywood has revived the mournful tale in a new and gorgeous guise, with elaborate settings, Ann Harding and Conrad Nagel as the stars, and a cast of 3,000. It will probably be shown in the West End during this month. Hollywood does these things thoroughly. "East Lynne" has been produced "in the period," and a woman who has had experience at several European courts was engaged as "social etiquette adviser." Furthermore, Richard Fall, composer of "The Dollar Princess," was employed to write a theme-song. It is called "East Lynne, or the Love Story of Isabel," and I am told that the willowy and beautiful Miss Ann Harding wrote the words herself, so deeply was she impressed by the music. Additional versions of the film are being made in French, German, Italian and Spanish. Even the dumpy inhabitants of the Far East will now be privileged to witness the celebrated death of Little Willie, for there is to be a special silent version with synchronized music by Mr. Fall.

## ★ Local Notes and Events ★

Mr. C. L. Sandes, having returned from furlough, has taken over the management of the Hong Kong Branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, in place of Mr. T. Thorougood.

A Chinese, who stole a knitting machine belonging to his father and sold it for \$250, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sind Hindu Merchants' Association was held on the 7th instant at "Sindhi Merchants' Club," and the election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. V. Showaram, of Messrs. Pioneer Silk Store; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. T. Melwani, of Messrs. Poonamul Brothers; Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. O. K. Gidmal & Watalmal.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., opened their new branch in King's Theatre Building yesterday, and the crowds of people who visited this new cake shop was evidence of the popularity of this move. The windows were very attractively dressed, while the smart lady assistants in the store dealt with the rush in a most efficient manner. This new shop has filled a long felt want and, situated as it is, it no doubt will prove very popular.

Challenged by an Indian constable to stop, a man, who was running away when the sound of police whistles were blown, was fired at by the constable. It is reported that the man shouted to the constable: "If you follow me, I shall kill you." Three shots were fired at him, all of which missed. The man was subsequently arrested by two Chinese policemen, but no arms were found on him.

## Mrs. Wise's Twins.

Mrs. Olive Wise and the twins to which she gave birth in the prison hospital at Holloway are all making good progress. Mr. Thomas Crisp, the father of Mrs. Wise, said that the mother and the twins were "wonderfully well." Mrs. Wise was reprieved after being sentenced to death at the Old Bailey for the murder of her nine-months-old son by passing him.

## Cartoon on a Clock.

A gilt brass table clock, acquired for the Victoria and Albert Museum, is signed by David Ramsay, King's Clockmaker to James I. On it is engraved a satirical cartoon in which King James, assisted by Henri IV. of France, is holding the Pope's nose to a grindstone turned by two English bishops. The allusion is to the anti-Catholic agitation arising out of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

## The Official Way.

The winner of the 1929 Schneider Trophy, Flight-Lieut. Weighorn, has been "fined" by the Air Ministry the sum of £3 for taking five days' special leave. And this fact was duly recorded in the *London Gazette*. This may strike some persons as a punitive act on the part of the Ministry. Actually it is nothing of the sort: it is a purely automatic action on the part of the Accountancy Department, who are bound, if an officer exceeds his regulation leave, to put him on the half-pay list for the period of such extension. So far so good. It is always happening in the Civil Service, and everybody takes it for granted. It would seem, however, a gratuitous act of discipline to record this purely automatic reduction in the *London Gazette*.

## Wood Oil Trade in Chekiang.

Although the bulk of China's wood oil is produced in the Upper Yangtze provinces, Chekiang also contributes a small quota, estimated at 130,000 to 140,000 piculs a year. The producing districts are mostly in the mountainous regions in the southern and eastern part of the province. The oil is extracted in the local mills by primitive methods, and taken to nearby markets like Taichang and Chusien for sale to agents representing wood-oil dealers in Shanghai. These agents consign their purchases first by junk to Hangchow, and thence by rail to Shanghai. Hangchow is the distributing centre for wood oil produced in the Central and Eastern part of Chekiang, as Wenchow is the centre for the output of the southern districts. The oil is shipped to outside markets in keelboats, which are in turn loaded either in bamboo crates or wooden boxes. Each bamboo crate holds two tins and weighs about 55 cwt.; net: two crates make a ton. This method of packing is for shipments destined for the markets in the interior.

## SUMMARY OF NEWS

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A case of suspected murder was brought to the notice of the police yesterday when the corpse of a 16-year-old Chinese was picked up on the foreshore at Shun Cheng New Territories. Examination revealed bullet holes on the head and body of the corpse. Page 6.  
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## Sport.

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Shanghai Police beat the Hong Kong Police by three goals to one in their interport soccer match played on the H.K.F.C. ground. Page 10.

## Latest Cables.

Rioters are alleged to have set fire to a forest near the town of Koshu in Western Korea. Page 9.  
The Conservative candidate, Mr. Spencer Robertson, was returned in the Salisbury bye-election. Page 9.  
The Chinese steamer Pa Chi blew up in the Yangtze River 70 miles from Shanghai, resulting in 200 being drowned. Page 9.  
Wild scenes were witnessed at the re-opening of the Congress Building at Bombay, in the course of which several were injured. Page 9.  
The Netherlands ratification of the Commercial Convention has been sent to the League of Nations, making the twelfth State to ratify. Page 9.  
The B.B.C. will attempt its first relay from South America on Saturday, when the Prince of Wales will open the British Empire Trade Exhibition at 6 o'clock at Buenos Aires. Page 9.  
The French Minister of the Budget announced in the Chamber that he will have a Budget deficit of 2,000,000,000 francs, and he warned against extravagant expenditure on the various social service. Page 9.

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. V. Alexander declared that no undertakings had been given during the recent naval "conversations" at Paris that Great Britain would support the French theories at the Disarmament Conference. Page 9.

Empire of China, and has well passed her seventieth year, that power of initiative which up to the present has carried her in safety through the multifarious plots and intrigues of which Chinese human nature even more than that of other races, after an experience of upwards of twenty centuries, has shown itself so prolific. That the Dowager Empress is beginning to feel her declining vigour is pretty evident from her declared wish to have the succession to the throne put on some stable basis, but the very mention of this has had the effect of arousing all the dangerous elements which are sure to surround a disputed succession. — *Hong Kong Daily Press*, March 13, 1931.

## Looking Back 50 Years.

A rifle contest took place on Saturday, at the Kowloon Butts, between members of the Police Force. The match, which was handicapped, was for a handsome subscription silver cup, and Inspector Cameron presented a meerschaum pipe for the man who made the second best score. Constable Sauer won the cup with a score of 68 on the target, and 12 in the handicap, making his total 80. Whilst Sergeant Robertson scored 67, and being allowed 10 points his total was only 3 points behind the cup winner, and Sergeant Fleming made 67, but his allowance of 3 points only made his total 71. Although the light was bad in the last two ranges, the day was not altogether unfavourable for rifle shooting, as there was no wind, a condition especially suitable to those who have not had much practice at the butts, consequently the scoring taken in the aggregate is a decided improvement on that of some recent contests. — *Hong Kong Daily Press*, March 14, 1931.

## Looking Back 25 Years.

That there has been serious trouble within the precincts of the Imperial Palace at Peking there is notwithstanding official denials, no room for doubt. The Dowager Empress, who succeeded so ably in getting hold of the reins of government, and who notwithstanding the difficulties inherent to her originally inferior position in the Household, has made her private wishes law throughout the



**HUPEH BANDIT SUPPRESSION.****RED FORCES CAPTURE KWANGSHUI.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, Mar. 12. The brigade of troops dispatched from Wuhan to Liling to suppress the mutineers are also reported to have joined the Reds, who have now captured Kwangshui.

The famous Wusengchow Pass and railway tunnel beneath are in serious danger of capture by the Reds.

The railway staff at Kwangshui have evacuated.

A Peiping telegram of March 8 reported that reliable Chinese and foreign reports confirmed that rebels numbering 20,000 apparently had occupied the area from Sin-yangchow to Kwangshui.

Trains from Peiping were not running further than Chuananien. The first loyal troops sent against the rebels were insufficient, and were reported to have been defeated in severe fighting.

It was then said they were going on near Kwangshui.

**CHINA'S DEFAULT ON LOANS.****BRITISH HOLDERS' CLAIMS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 11. Replying to Brig. General H. Clifton Brown, the Conservative member for Newbury, Berks, Mr. Henderson stated that there had been no further conference between His Majesty's Minister in China and the Chinese Government as regards the latter's default in its obligations to British holders of Chinese bonds.

The last conference was held in November, and since then there had been a good deal of correspondence with the Chinese Government, while Sir Miles Lampson has been collecting information regarding British claims.

Mr. Henderson referred other questions to previous replies on the same subject, and asked for notice of a question by Mr. A. V. Samuel (Con. Farnham), who asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that the Chinese Government was issuing internal loans which are standing in front of the loans which are in default.

**SHIPPING DISASTER ON YANGTZE.****CHINESE STEAMER BLOWS UP: 200 DROWNED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Mar. 12. It is reported that a heavily loaded Chinese passenger steamer, the Pa Chi, bound up-river, blew up and sank last night 70 miles from Shanghai.

It is believed that 200 passengers were drowned.

The vessel carried 100 Chinese soldiers among the 300 Chinese passengers.

It is reported that fire broke out on board as the result of the soldiers throwing cigarette ends into the cargo, which was mainly cotton.

An explosion quickly followed the outbreak of fire.

A Customs revenue cutter is now proceeding to Shanghai with 100 survivors.

It is believed that the remainder were drowned.

**Scenes of Frightfulness.**

[LATER.]

The loss of the Pa Chi is confirmed.

The captain of a Customs cruiser patrolling in the Yangtze saw smoke smothering a vessel and steamed over to assist, but before the cruiser's arrival an explosion rent the Pa Chi's foredeck, instantly killing many dead passengers.

The captain anchored his ship, but immediately a second explosion blew out the stern, throwing most of the remaining passengers into the river.

There were the most frightful scenes as the mass of burned and injured panic-stricken humanity struggled in the water and on the wrecked ship.

The Customs cruiser and native boats rescued 180 people out of about 400 known to be on board. The Pa Chi was a 300-ton river steamer loaded to her capacity with deck passengers.

**BRITAIN'S NAVAL ESTIMATES.****PROVISION FOR SEVERAL NEW SHIPS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 11. In introducing the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the new programme of construction for 1931 provided for the construction of several new ships, including two leader class cruisers, one 5,000-ton cruiser, four sloops, and eight destroyers, four sloops, three submarines, and one shallow-draught gunboat.

He pointed out that the programme is simply the normal annual replacement programme within the limits of the London Naval Treaty.

He hoped that further progress in the agreed reduction would be made at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference at Geneva, and be able to cancel, postpone or vary the different items on the programme, which, if fully completed, would cost £260,000 less than the 1930 programme.

**Reference to Franco-Italian Agreement.**

Mr. Alexander, referring to the Franco-Italian agreement, emphasised that in return for France's consent to the limitation of guns on capital ships to 12-in., the British Government would give the French Government a written assurance that they themselves favoured a reduction of capital ship-guns to a maximum calibre of 12-inch and a substantial reduction of the existing maximum displacement of 35,000 tons.

Mr. Alexander mentioned that Italy's submarine tonnage did not exceed 52,700 tons, including over 5,000 tons for average ships which were irreplaceable. France and Italy had agreed not to lay down any further submarine tonnage before 1933, when they would be subject to the decisions of the Disarmament Conference of 1932.

**Submarine Figure Least Satisfactory.**

He emphasised that, while from the point of view of His Majesty's Government the figure of submarines was the least satisfactory part of the agreement, it was a very considerable reduction upon France's original programme. The United States and Japan generally concurred with the arrangements contemplated in the bases of the agreement, and all members of the British Commonwealth who were represented at the London Naval Conference had expressed general approval.

**Great Britain and French Theories.**

LONDON, Mar. 11. In the House of Commons, in the course of the debate on the Naval Estimates, Mr. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared that no undertakings had been given during the recent naval "conversations" at Paris that Great Britain would support the French theories at the Disarmament Conference.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUMY, Mar. 11. Speaking on the Naval Estimates themselves, which total £21,600,000, Mr. Alexander said that the programme of construction included the commencement of two cruisers of the leader class, one cruiser of about 5,000 tons, one leader and eight destroyers, four sloops, and three submarines, but the orders would not be placed until the first quarter of 1932. The programme was merely the normal instalment of building under the London Naval Treaty, and he hoped that progress in the agreed reductions at the World Disarmament Conference next year would enable the Government to postpone, vary, or cancel the different items.

**L.O.N. COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.**

RATIFIED BY THE NETHERLANDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Mar. 11. The Netherlands ratification of the Commercial Convention of March, 1930, has been sent to the League of Nations.

Twelve States have now ratified.

**GERMANY'S "POCKET"**

BATTLESHIPS.

NAVAL BUDGET ADOPTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BREITENBURG, Mar. 11. The Budget Committee of the Reichstag to-day adopted the Naval Budget for 1931, which includes provision for the first instalment towards the construction of a new "pocket" battleship.

The Minister of Defence said he was determined to carry out the naval construction programme.

**FOREST FIRE IN KOREA.****RIOTERS' REVENGE ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Mar. 12. It is reported that rioters stormed an oil depot and set fire to a neighbouring forest near the town of Koshu, in Western Korea.

Replying to interpellations in the Upper House, the Government spokesman stated that despatches partly confirmed the alleged outrages, for which the local authorities were instructed to get the situation under their control.

The disturbances apparently were due to the opposition of the Koreans to the proposed removal of the prefectural office from Koshu to a more convenient site.

**JAPAN'S PREMIER STILL WEAK.****MAY BE OBLIGED TO RESIGN.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, March 12. The apparent failure of the Premier, Mr. Hamaguchi, sufficiently to recover his strength to face the arduous duties of the Premiership, is given considerable prominence in the vernacular papers this morning.

The strain of listening to the interpellations in the Diet yesterday were too much for Mr. Hamaguchi, and he had to withdraw without replying.

On the advice of his physician, he is resting at his official residence to-day, and will not be attending the Diet.

The Asahi reports that an emissary of the Minseito Party called upon Mr. Wakatsuki, who represented Japan as principal delegate to the London Naval Conference, apparently for the purpose of enquiring whether he would be prepared to accept the Premier's resignation in the event of Mr. Hamaguchi tendering his resignation, which is regarded as a not remote possibility.

**Submarine Figures.**

Turning to the submarine category, he said that the figure for France in 1930 was not to exceed 81,939 tons, whilst that of Italy would not exceed 52,700 tons. Both the French and Italian Governments agreed not to include any submarines in the 1931 programme and not to lay down any further submarine tonnage before 1932.

Mr. Alexander emphasised the figure for submarines submitted by France as being far too high, especially in relation to the British destroyer figure of 150,000 tons in the London Naval Treaty and it was, therefore, necessary to make a reservation that, in the event of a satisfactory solution of this submarine figure the problem not proving possible next year, the right of the British Commonwealth to increase must be maintained.

Concluding, he said that the general concurrence remarking the agreement had been intimated by the United States and Japan, and from all members of the British Commonwealth represented at the London Naval Conference general approval had been received.

Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery (Conservative) questioned whether Britain was not paying too much to get agreement, and mentioned that in regard to submarines France had 81,939 tons and Italy 52,700 tons as against the total for the whole British Empire of 52,700 tons.

**Japanese Press Comment.**

TOKYO, Mar. 12. Contrary to expectation, the details of the Franco-Italian Naval Agreement, which were to have been published simultaneously in the capitals of the five naval Powers, are not yet available officially in Tokyo.

London Press despatches outlining the agreement arrived too late last night to enable the vernacular newspapers to comment thereon, though the *Chugai*, in the course of a leading article on the general aspects of the pact, appears to reflect the attitude of the Japanese generally.

Recognising the value of the Franco-Italian Agreement from the standpoint of armament limitation and world peace, the *Chugai* nevertheless expresses dissatisfaction at the "significant inconsistency" of allowing France such a large tonnage in submarines after inducing Japan to give up her original demands on submarine tonnage at the London Naval Conference.

**FRANCO-ITALIAN NAVAL SETTLEMENT.****CAPITAL SHIP TONNAGE RAISED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 11. The Franco-Italian naval agreement shows that before December 31, 1936, France and Italy may respectively complete two capital ships whose displacement shall not exceed 23,333 tons each, their gun calibre not to exceed 12 inches. On their completion France will scrap one ship of the Diderot class and Italy will scrap approximately 16,800 tons of first-class average cruisers, making a total of 33,640 tons.

**Allotment of Capital Ship Tonnage.** The total of capital ship tonnage accorded France and Italy respectively under the Treaty is raised from 175,000 to 181,000 tons. France and Italy may complete respectively 34,000 tons in aircraft-carriers before December 12, 1930.

No cruisers with guns over 6.1-inch calibre will be constructed after the completion of the 1930 programme. There will be no further construction of submarines except for the completion of the 1930 programme and the replacement tonnage, becoming over age after December 31, 1931.

**France's Submarine Tonnage.**

Subject to a general revision of the naval question by the Disarmament Conference in 1931, the tonnage of French submarines shall not exceed 81,939 until December 31, 1936. Members of the British Empire maintained that this figure is too high in relation to their destroyer figure of 150,000 tons under the London Treaty, but they agree not to resort to article 21 of the London Treaty pending the above-mentioned revision.

**Bases of Agreement.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUMY, Mar. 11.

The Memorandum on the recent negotiations which resulted in a settlement of Franco-Italian difficulties left outstanding at the conclusion of the London Naval Treaty was presented to the House of Commons to-day, when the Naval Estimates were introduced by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander.

The bases of agreement for settlement provided, in regard to capital ships before December, 1930, a displacement of each not exceeding 23,333 tons and a gun calibre not exceeding 12 inches. On completion of each France would scrap one ship of the Diderot class. Similarly, Italy would scrap approximately 16,800 tons of first-class over-age cruisers.

Without prejudice to the general reserve of capital ship tonnage established by the Treaty of Washington, the total tonnage in this category accorded to France and Italy respectively under the Treaty would be raised from 175,000 tons to 181,000 tons.

Mr. Alexander said that this would not give rise to any additional new construction, but would merely permit France to retain her existing capital ships. France undertook to scrap by December, 1930, two of the three old battleships which under the Washington Treaty were not replaced. Under the basis of agreement France and Italy would complete only two capital ships before December, 1930.

**Reduction of Gun Calibre.** One very important point discussed in Paris and Rome and on which they obtained agreement was a reduction of the calibre of guns of the proposed new capital ships from 12 inches to 12 inches. Passing on to vessels whose tonnage is regulated by the Treaty of London, he said that it was most satisfactory to note that no further construction in what was known as "category-A" cruisers, armed with eight-inch guns, was to take place by France and Italy after the completion of their 1930 programmes, and this would mean that each would rest upon a strength of 70,000 tons of under-age ships in that category.

By the terms tentatively agreed upon at the London Naval Conference and now embodied in the draft disarmament convention drawn up by the Preparatory Commission on disarmament, France and Italy were able to treat "Category B" cruisers, with gun calibres not exceeding 6.1 inches and destroyers, as being in one category. In that category France might have in December, 1936, if she built to her maximum, rather more than 100,000 tons of ships for replacement, whilst Italy would have about 151,300 tons.

It was anticipated, however, that the French Government would in addition possess in 1939 a large over-age tonnage in that category. The British made it clear during the negotiations that the temporary retention of that tonnage conferred on France no claim to its ultimate replacement and the reservation included in the White Paper adequately safeguarded that position. The extension of life for destroyers had also been provided for.

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**WILD SCENES AT BOMBAY.****CONGRESS BUILDING RESTORED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Mar. 12. There were wild scenes this morning at the Congress Building, which the Government of Bombay seized last October and has now restored in pursuance of the Irwin-Gandhi agreement.

Two hundred Congress Volunteers, mostly armed with lathis, took possession of the building last night and ran up the red flag, lay down in front of the building, and prevented processionists who arrived this morning for the formal opening of the building from entering until they had received an assurance that their grievances would be immediately considered.

Half-an-hour after opening, however, the mulcontents reappeared and bombarded the Congress Building with stones and attacked "loyal" volunteers with lathis. A score of the latter were slightly injured.

The police were called out, but Nariman, President of the Bombay Congress, pacified the aggressors by promising satisfaction of their claims.

**BOMBAY CLOTH MARKET STILL OPEN.****LADY CONGRESS VOLUNTEERS ACT AS PICKETS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Mar. 11. It is officially stated that the Muljibhai Market, the big foreign piece-goods market, will not be entirely closed for the next week as first reported.

Only a few of the shops were closed yesterday, and the Market remains open with a view to disposing of the existing stock of foreign cloth.

Lady Congress volunteers have replaced all the male picketers.

**PARIS-SOUTH AMERICA AIR MAIL SERVICE.****RISK OF SUSPENSION NOW AVERTED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 12. The imminent risk of the Compagnie Generale Aero Postale, which runs the air mail service between Paris and South America, having to cease operations owing to the suspension of the banking group financing it, has been averted.

A Bill is being rushed through Parliament, empowering the Air Minister to continue running the service.

The Aero Postale operates a 35,000 miles route with 200 machines. It has 48 aerodromes and 70 wireless stations.

The Air Committee of the Chamber previous to the crisis turned down a proposal for a state subsidy of £200,000 annually until 1944.

**FRANCE'S BUDGET DEFICIT.****TOTAL TWO THOUSAND MILLION FRANCS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Mar. 11. The Minister of the Budget announced in the Chamber that he will have a Budget deficit of 2,000,000,000 francs at the end of the financial year, March 31.

The Minister uttered a warning against extravagant expenditure on the various social services, such as unemployment and old-age pensions, and he declared that in these lay a danger of chronic budgetary deficits.

**SALISBURY BYE-ELECTION RESULT.****CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE RETURNED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 12.

The Salisbury bye-election, due to the resignation of Mr. Hugh Morrison (Conservative), resulted as follows:—

Mr. Spencer Robertson (Conservative) ..... 15,800.  
Mr. Masterman (Liberal) ..... 9,558.  
Mr. Hancock (Labour) ..... 3,939.

**JUGO-SLAVIA 'QUAKE.****DEATH-ROLL ONLY THIRTY-ONE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELGRADE, Mar. 11.

Some surprise has been occasioned by the issue of a statement by the Ministry of the Interior, announcing that the death-roll in the recent earthquake in Jugo-Slavia was only 31.

**AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.'S EARNINGS.****FORTY-THREE MILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 11. The American Tobacco Company has announced that its net earnings for the 1930 financial year amount to over \$43,250,000.

This is the largest earning in the history of the Company and represents an increase of no less than forty-three per cent. over the net earning for 1929.

**LORD STAMFORDHAM.****KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY UNDERGOES OPERATION.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUMY, Mar. 11.

Lord Stamfordham, Private Secretary to H.M. the King, underwent an operation to-day, which was successful.

His condition is stated to be satisfactory.



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# Sports News

## SOCCER INTERPORT.

### VICTORY FOR SHANGHAI POLICE.

#### HONG KONG PLAY ONLY TEN MEN.

Shanghai Police beat their Hong Kong colleagues by three goals to one in the interport soccer match played on the H.K.F.C. ground yesterday. The local team played throughout with ten men, as in the first five minutes the interport goalie, Clark, hurt his left knee and had to retire. Hong Kong drew first blood with a penalty kick for fouling, twenty minutes after the start. Shanghai failed in a penalty kick, but equalised two minutes before the interval, and scored two more goals in the second half.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (I.G.P.) and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. T. H. King (Deputy I.G.P.), Mr. G. C. Purdie (D.C.I.), and Mr. Coglin, A.S.P., Shanghai.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, lined out the following teams:

Hong Kong Police: Clark; Perkins and Brittain; Thorpe, Minty and Shepherd; Pile, Cornwall, Fraser, Oram and Brown.

Shanghai Police: Bradley, McPhee and Scott; Westwood, Gash and Hurry; Oakley, Jack, R. Wilkinson, Turner and R. Wilkinson.

#### Hong Kong's Bad Luck.

Stanley Gash, captain of the recent interport team, was a member of the Shanghai Police team, playing in his usual position of centre-half. Shanghai defended the goal at the Club end. They took up the offensive immediately from the kick-off and R. Wilkinson passed for the centre-forward to shoot, but Clark saved. Another attack followed when Clark punched out, but soon after he was injured and left the field permanently. Shepherd was brought in to fill the vacancy. Pile was put in the centre-forward position, while Cornwall relieved Oram, who dropped back to help the defence.

Resuming play, Turner shot over the bar, and Hong Kong made their first visit to the other end where the shot went wide. Shepherd gave a corner in attempting to clear, but nothing resulted. Thorpe twice put the ball over his own line for R. Wilkinson to take the flag kick. Westwood sent over the bar the first time and the winger then put behind. The locals got away for Fraser to finish with a weak kick wide of the post, which Bradley gathered and returned to the field.

#### Shanghai Penalised.

Played continued in Shanghai territory for some time when McPhee handled inside the penalty area. Pile took the kick and scored. Shanghai attacked seriously and Shepherd had to save at the expense of a corner, and he also had to stop a header. Hong Kong broke away, but Fraser sent over the bar. Bradley saved a fine shot, which almost got through at the angle of the posts. Gash gave a corner when hard pressed, and soon after the ball was scrambled out of the goalmouth by a defender. S. Wilkinson got winded and had to leave the field for about ten minutes.

With about twelve minutes to go, the Hong Kong defence had a free kick on the penalty line. Perkins fouled R. Wilkinson in the danger zone, but Turner failed with the penalty kick, which he sent wide of the left post.

Shanghai kept up the pressure and eventually succeeded in scoring the equaliser two minutes before the interval. Turner making good his recent shortcoming.

#### Half Time: Hong Kong 1; Shanghai 1.

#### Visitors Ahead.

The second half opened with Shanghai remaining on local territory for some time during which Shepherd was called upon to save twice. Jack was running in for the other goal, but he shot a foot outside the post, Turner being then off-side.

The corner was secured by Shanghai eight minutes after the resumption, and R. Wilkinson kicked straight from the flag for the ball to curve into the net. Shepherd misjudged the flight of the ball.

After a transfer of play, Shanghai were again attacking when Shepherd was penalised for carrying. Oram the Ball out and Gash picked of the post. Brittain did some good work in breaking up the repeated rushes by the Shanghai forwards, but they broke through for Oakley to head in the third goal.

The locals missed a good chance to score owing to weak kicking at goal. Shepherd at the other end nearly missed a punch. Play was

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## H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

### E. C. FINCHER PROGRESSING.

#### ONE-SIDED MATCHES.

Without exception, all the matches played off yesterday resulted in straight sets for the winners. E. C. Fincher, last year's runner-up in the Open Singles, featured again in this event, matching E. Zimmerman, whom he eliminated easily in very quick time. He continued to produce consistent form, which if maintained ought to carry him through the fourth round, where he will meet either Ng Sze Cheung or Luk Ding Cheung, who are deciding to lay for the right to oppose him.

In the Open Doubles, a few ties were decided, in all of which Chinese emerged successful. The Lo brothers had little difficulty in beating the Luk brothers, and now qualify to meet A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar in the third round. Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit also had matters very much their own way in another community match, Kwok and Chau being the losers. The winners now meet either the Lee brothers or Goss and Chao. Hung and Chiu emerged successful against Tufton and Tosh, giving on the whole a creditable performance, which bids fair to give them some encouragement for their next match, which will be against the Rumjahn cousins in the second round.

The only semblance of a struggle was seen in the tie between Owen Hughes and Holmes in the Club Championship, in which the latter extended Owen Hughes, who won, 0-7 in the second set.

#### THE RESULTS.

The detailed scores follow:—

##### Open Singles.

3rd Round.

E. C. Fincher beat E. Zimmerman, 0-2, 0-1.

##### Open Doubles.

Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit beat Kwok and Chau, 6-1, 6-2.

Hung and Chiu beat Tufton and Tosh, 6-1, 6-2.

M. Y. Lo and M. W. Lo beat Luk King Cheung and Luk Ding Cheung, 6-2, 6-1.

##### Club Championship.

H. Owen Hughes beat C. E. Holmes, 6-2, 9-7.

#### TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

##### Open Singles.

Ng Sze Kwong v. P. Kong.

T. Honda v. W. C. Hung.

Ho Ka Lau v. Yew Man Kit.

Dr. Valentine v. W. T. Lee.

Luk Ding Cheung v. Ng Sze Cheung.

##### Open Doubles.

Leonard and Lai v. Liang and Chan.

##### Club Championship.

A. L. Sullivan v. Tufton.

Armstrong v. T. J. Price.

## INTER-VARSITY SPORTS.

### CANTON TEAMS ARRIVE.

The Lingnam University team, consisting of 27 men and 16 lady competitors, arrived yesterday afternoon's boat and the Sun Yee Sen team, consisting of 22 men, arrived by the same afternoon's train. They were met by the Committee of the Hong Kong University Athletic Club on their arrival and will be entertained by the members of the Hong Kong University Union in their hostels during their stay here. The following is the programme for the sports:—

1st Day, March 14:—100 metres, 500 metres, Pole vault, 800 metres, 50 metres girls, long jump, 800 metres open to Colony, shotput, 110 metres, High Hurdles, 400 metres, Interval; Shot-put (ladies), 1,600 open relay; Discus Throw, 100 metres (Ladies) 400 metres Relay.

2nd Day, March 15:—1,000 metres relay, long jump (ladies), 200 metres low Hurdles, Javelin (10,000) school boys; relay, Hop-step and jump; Interval; High jump, school girls relay, 200 metres girl relay, 800 metres relay.

In the local area for the remainder of the game when Shepherd saved from the left winger. The final whistle sounded, the score being Shanghai 3, Hong Kong 1.

#### Trophy Presented.

The interport Cup was handed by Mrs. Wolfe to the captain of the visiting team. Mr. Hurry responded by congratulating Hong Kong on their fine game considering that they had to play only ten men and without the assistance of their very useful goalkeeper. He wished Hong Kong better luck next year on their visit to the North.

Cheers were called for the Shanghai team and the visitors returned the compliment on the call of Mr. Coglin.

## CRICKET NOTES.

### THE CLUB FAIL TO WIN.

#### R. ABBITT'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

The Club had quite a useful team out against the University last Saturday, though they were without Pearce and E. J. R. Mitchell. The latter has definitely decided to play no more cricket this season, as after every game his knee goes wrong again. It is to be hoped that he will get it permanently sound by next season, as he is quite a possibility for our interport side. Personally I have always considered that his optimistic and plucky batting is more apt to come off in a big game than the more correct and pusillanimous cricket of the stylist. Of course, he does not bowl, but he is liable to go down to posterity as "the bloke who bowled Leach." But it seems that I digress.

#### The Club Bat.

I am never sure whether with a good side it is an advantage or a disadvantage to go in first, provided that a drawn match is practically as useless as a lost one. This is so in our present method of scoring (—a very excellent one, I think). And were I the skipper of a team of the potentialities of the Club, I would put the other side in first every time I could and chance it. As it was, the Club batted all through for a hundred and eighty-two. I think they must have been very slow at the start, as Owen Hughes (40) and Alan Reid (31) always get their runs quickly, if they get them.

#### Anderson as Usual.

The University just crept out of it with a draw. As usual, Donald Anderson saved them, aided very nobly by L. T. Ride. Since the New Year, and may I add, possibly since his examination, Anderson has been a different man. He has made runs pretty nearly every match and he has started taking wickets. Apart from the two, the Varsity side simply collapsed before the brilliant bowling of Bowker, who took eight wickets in his last seven overs. But time arrived when the score was a hundred and forty-four. It was somewhat surprising that Reid and Beck could not muster a wicket between them. I imagine both of them (and particularly the latter) would go over the sticks with anything short of a half-volley, but a few slip-catches might have been expected. Matting, however, is definitely anathema to some people when they are bowling.

#### Queen's College.

The mantle of the Diocesan Boys' School seems to be descending on Queen's College. Since the days of Anderson, the D.B.S. team has failed to keep up the high standard, though they are as keen as ever, and still, I believe, have the assistance of I. Young's as their coach. Queen's College are coming on and seem to be taking much more notice lately. They are fortunate in having F. L. de la Hoya as their Headmaster. He was playing for them on Saturday last against the "A" team of the Indian Recreation. No one else did much except the opening pair, A. Hunt (20) and A. R. Safford (16). They have, however, a useful bowler in Tsui Yan Pui, who, I believe, is the younger brother of Tsui Wei Pui, who used to play for the Chinese Recreation Club. The latter, I am told, devotes most of his spare time to tennis now, and has played in the present Tournament.

#### To-morrow's Games.

Kowloon journey to Craigengower to-morrow and no doubt will be out to avenge their defeat on that ground early in the season. The Club were to have played the Argyls, and I have heard of no other match being arranged for them. Civil Service have rather fallen between two stools. When the University had to cancel their game with the Civil Service owing to their sports, March 14 was arranged as the date, and the I.R.C. were good enough to cancel the friendly. Now the Varsity cannot play to-morrow either. Most unfortunately, they cannot play either on the 28th, as they have a League match with Kowloon at K.C.C. So what is going to happen I do not know. The Civil Service have arranged their friendly with I.R.C., but it is rather late in the week for either side to raise a full team. The Navy and the Gunners are also resting.

#### Fixtures.

I have never known things get in quite such a tangle. It may be that Clubs have tried to arrange a more elaborate programme this year and that things have gone wrong. I have already suggested the need for a second meeting of League Secretaries re fixtures, and now volunteer the proposal that only whole day or two-day fixtures should be fixed up at once in late September, and that Saturday bookings be confined to October, November and December. Early in

December secretaries can have an other official meeting and book their January-April fixtures with a better idea of their requirements, and some knowledge of the actual dates of public holidays.

#### The League Rules.

At length I find space to conclude my remarks on the League Rules. Number sixteen lays down that either side shall appoint one umpire, but, if either captain is dissatisfied with either umpire, that umpire shall be replaced. Personally, I read this to mean that the protest must be made before the game, but that should not be necessary. The fact is, however, that it is desperately hard to get any umpires at all. It used not to be so bad. Most of the Clubs had regular umpires and scorers, but now, adays the man who drops out of cricket seems to take up some other form of activity instead of scoring or umpiring. Nor do players make themselves very much acquainted with the rules. I admit there are a few—the declaration and the follow on, for instance—which are very hard to keep fully in one's head. But it is easy enough to keep track of the general details. Captains and Secretaries would do well before a season to look about them carefully for regular umpires and scorers. The possession of both makes enormously for the comfort of the players and the prompt conduct of the match.

#### A Review.

Finally, Rule 10 gives the Committee power from time to time to alter, add to, and amend the rules and by-laws of the League. I have no idea what the by-laws are, but a careful revision of the present rules would make a pleasant and useful task for some enthusiastic cricketer on the League Committee, if there is one. A fresh batch of rules wants printing anyway, as very few people now seem to possess copies.

#### Mr. Dynasty.

As just before the races I took it upon me to speak for all cricketers in the Colony when I wished all good luck to the Dynasty colours, I now claim the same privilege and offer to Mr. Dynasty, the felicitations of all cricketers on his brilliant success. He had achieved what I know to have been one of his great ambitions in winning the Hong Kong Derby for the first time; and I trust that later on in the year he will lead a Hong Kong eleven to victory over Shanghai for the goodness-only-known-how-manyth time in the interport match.

R. ABBITT.

## GOLF NOTES.

[By GUM.]

With the progress of the Year the competitions of the various Clubs are being completed and, with those gone, a writer of Notes such as these must search harder to find subject matter of weekly curiosity. The more recording of Smith's, Jones' or Brown's (all mythical people) Saturday and Sunday rounds would soon lose the existing following of admiring readers who now peruse this column every Friday morning, so a letter-basket has been allocated on the Editor's desk—also a waste-paper one underneath—to receive communications of general interest, scraps of scandal and what Mrs. So-and-So said to or of, Mrs. So-and-So. The only conditions put forward are that such items are fit for publication and are *a propos* Golf—the lack of fitness might, on the face of it, rule out a large proportion of what is mouthed by the male players, but this is not necessarily so, as a smoking-room story can often be reworded and rendered suitable for the most delicate ear. An Albert Chevalier used to sing: "It ain't exactly what yer says but just the way yer says it."

What of the "Junior Championship" at Fanling? Colonel Matthews was beaten by Gum. It was a match of ups and downs and perhaps would best be described as a game where holes were not won but lost. The morning round finished "all square," although the Colonel was 3 up at one time—in the afternoon Eager had a similar lead at the turn, which also subsequently vanished and either player might have been the ultimate victor when driving off for the 16th, as at that stage an "all square" position against maintained. However, Fortune, who had been distributing her favours unobscuredly throughout the day, then cast her smiles on the more youthful of the contestants. At the 16th Eager was unkind enough to lay his opponent a stymie—the first—and, having secured this hole with a mastery 4, consolidated his advantage by accepting the Colonel's offer of the 17th, thereby allowing him to swaggle on the far-way with the 18th as a "boy wonder" and with a 9 and 1 win.

Interviewing the players, after the match brought forth nothing of great import—Eager was modest and silent whilst the Colonel was merely reminiscent, speaking of his early experiences of Golf. "He pulled

ed aside the veil of years and recalled his initiation into the game on a nine-hole course at Sheehy-ness—the days of "muzzle-loaders" and "gutties."

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with them, all slicing, pulling and divotting and from the expressions of their backs could be read the determination to uphold the man-made bye-law to the very letter.

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## HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

### ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 11.

The following were the results of matches in the English League played to-day:—

Leeds ..... 1 Arsenal ..... 2  
Wolves ..... 3 Port Vale ..... 0  
Scottish League (Division I.) results were:—  
Hibernians ..... 4 Queen's Park ..... 2  
Kilmarnock ..... 1 Falkirk ..... 1

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Surgeon Captain, R.N.  
R.N. HOSPITAL, Hong Kong, [452]  
12th March, 1931.

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M. F. KEY,  
Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1931. [450]

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**PROBATE JURISDICTION.**

In the Goods of LORENZA SANCHEZ DE RIUN, Late of No. 15, CAMERON ROAD, KOWLOON, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Widow, deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to 28th DAY of MARCH, 1931.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

Dated the 6th day of March, 1931.  
DEACONS,  
Solicitors for the Administrator,  
1, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hong Kong. [418]

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KANTON, March 6, 1931.

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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 16th DAY of MARCH, 1931, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mong Kok Tsi, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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## REVIVAL IN BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

F. B. I. PRESENTS TWO PROPOSALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 12.

The Federation of British Industries has issued a pamphlet setting forth the reforms which it considers necessary for a revival of British industry.

These are summarized under two headings—firstly, the establishment of a fiscal system which shall combine protection of our industrial interests with the widest possible extension of inter-empire trade; and, secondly, a reduction in the burden of taxation.

## EMPIRE TRADE EXHIBITION AT BUENOS AIRES.

B.B.C. TO RELAY OPENING PROCEEDINGS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 11.

The B.B.C. will attempt its first relay from South America on Saturday when the Prince of Wales will open at 3 p.m. the British Empire Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires.

The proceedings will last half-an-hour.

## CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON.

REFORM PROVISIONS TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOUD, Mar. 11.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons, the Under Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Drummond Shiels, stated that it was hoped to issue in a few weeks the Order-in-Council relating to the Constitution of Ceylon containing provisions for Government relations between the Executive Committee and the State Council.

The relations between the Committee and the Department would be defined in a statement to be issued by the Governor.

## CAIRO-CAPETOWN FLIGHT.

COMPLETED WITHOUT MISHAP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, Mar. 11.

The three Royal Air Force carry-planes which arrived at Heliopolis, thus completing an 11,000-mile flight to Capetown and back.

The venture was commenced at the end of January under the command of Squadron Leader Trenchard, who has been carrying out various exercises and manoeuvres in the course of the flight.

Each of the planes is capable of carrying 23 fully-armed infantrymen.

## ADMINISTRATION OF NEW YORK.

PUBLIC DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Mar. 11.

Public impatience with the administration by the New York officials (which has been brought to a head by the failure of the police to discover the murderer of a young actress named Vivian Gordon, who was found strangled in the Bronx district last week) is daily increasing.

Eight hundred and twenty of the leading business houses in the city have now signed a resolution through the New York Board of Trade demanding a "complete and immediate legislative investigation" of the city's affairs.

## GERMAN FILM PRODUCER KILLED.

MOTOR-CAR CRASHES OVER EMBANKMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SANTA BARBARA (Cal.), Mar. 11.

Mr. F. W. Murnau, the famous German film producer, was killed in a terrible motor smash at Santa Barbara, California, to-day.

The tragic mishap occurred when the motor-car, swerving to avoid a collision with a lorry, crashed over an embankment and was completely wrecked.

## THE "TERRIBLE" EXPEDITION.

REPORTS RIDICULED BY THE FRENCH MINISTER.

A STATEMENT OF THE FACTS.

Paris, March 12.

Paris, March 12. Press reports that France is planning to send a "terrible army" of between 700 and 800 men, including 60 technical experts accompanied by a "crack pistol corps" to investigate China's mineral resources are ridiculed by the French Minister here. In a statement to the Press the French Minister, M. Widen, points out that France is merely sending a private scientific expedition which will be composed of 30 people and will include two or three Americans, one Swede and five or six Chinese scientists.

The main object of the expedition will be scientific. M. Widen declares, and the party does not contemplate making excavations or investigating mineral resources. Half of the members will probably be armed with pistols or rifles but this is because the journey will be hazardous and the scientists will be exposed to risks. In any case they will need to take out their food supplies by shooting game.

The expedition to which M. Widen refers is, of course, the one which, with the backing of M. André Citroën, the French automobile manufacturer, and the co-operation of the National Geographic Society of America, is to start this month from Beirut, Syria, for Peking, returning across 5,000 miles on a more southerly route. Georges-Marie Haardt, known as the "motor-car Livingstone of France," who undertook a similar expedition some time ago in Africa, is the leader and will have with him as American representative, Mr. Maynard Owen Williams.

Eight specially built auto-tractors, half automobile and half-truck, will be used to transport the party on its 13,000-mile tour through little known parts of Asia. The automobile equipment will be similar to that used by Haardt in man's first crossing of the Sahara desert by other means than camels. In that expedition the entire length of Africa was traversed. The cars are light and simple, capable of traversing mud, sand, snow and rocks. They can go 40 miles an hour over good roads.

The expedition will be in the field from 12 to 18 months, it is expected, crossing from Syria into Iraq, Persia, Russian Turkistan, Sinkiang and China and turning south at Peking for a long trek down to French Indo-China. From Saigon the return trip will be made through Siam, Burma, India, Baluchistan, Persia and Arabia. Two cars will be devoted to motion picture photography, colour and black-and-white cameras registering the scenic wonders of inner Asia as well as the customs and costumes of its peoples. Native dialects and songs will be preserved by sound records. Studies will be made in geology, zoology, paleontology, meteorology, geography, archaeology, ethnology, and other branches of science. It is not true, however, that mining engineers will be included in the expedition's personnel.

There is an amusing story of the relations between Mr. Labouchere, when Secretary of Embassy at Constantinople, and the department at home. Mr. Labouchere had committed some technical indiscretion at Constantinople which required a personal explanation. He was ordered to return home immediately and by the cheapest route available. Within a few hours he had packed his bag and said goodbye to the Embassy. Months passed, and there was no sign of Mr. Labouchere in Downing Street. The Foreign Office became alarmed, and telegrams were sent in all directions. Mr. Labouchere had disappeared. Ten weeks later he walked in to the Foreign Office. "You told me," he explained, "to take the cheapest route. I obeyed your instructions. I walked. Here I am."

## PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived by a.s. Kaga Maru: Mr. J. G. Adams, Mr. A. J. P. Coghlan, Mr. J. Bradley, Mr. J. C. Dickson, Mr. S. V. Gash, Mr. A. Hurry, Mr. J. Oakley, Mr. F. A. Piles, Mr. W. Read, Mr. A. E. Scott, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. A. Jack, Mr. J. McPhee, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. W. D. Westwood, Mr. S. S. Wilkinson, Mr. T. E. Wilkinson.

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## ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

## ALEXANDRIA.

Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.  
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

## AMOI.

Taiyuan, B. & S., March 13.  
Anshan, B. & S., March 15.  
Hsiching, Jardine's, March 17.  
Kutsang, Jardine's, March 17.  
Tjikembaug, J.C.J.L., March 18.  
Tsinan, B. & S., March 18.  
Tjondari, J.C.J.L., March 19.  
Raining, Douglas, March 20.  
Taima, B.I., March 27.  
Yuenan, Jardine's, March 31.  
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., April 2.  
Takada, B.I., April 10.

## ANTWERP.

Khyber, P. & O., March 14.  
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.  
Somali, P. & O., March 24.  
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.  
Annam, Manners, April 5.  
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.  
Selandia, Manners, April 10.

## AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Taiyuan, B. & S., March 20.  
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 20.  
St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.

## BALTIC PORTS.

Annam, Manners, April 5.  
Selandia, Manners, April 10.

## BALTIMORE.

Taybank, Bank, April 7.

## BANGKOK.

Kwanchow, B. & S., March 15.

## BELAWAN-DELL.

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., March 20.

## BOMBAY.

Venezia-L. Dodwell's, March 18.  
Ganga, Dodwell's, March 25.  
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.  
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.  
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.  
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.

## BOSTON.

Tai Yang, Dodwell's, March 18.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Javanese Prince, Furness, March 24.  
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.  
Japanese Prince, Furness, April 7.  
Taybank, Bank, April 7.  
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 10.

## BREMEN.

Aller, Melchers, March 21.  
Colenz, Melchers, April 4.

## BRINDISI.

Venezia-L. Dodwell's, March 10.  
Ganga, Dodwell's, March 25.  
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.

## CALCUTTA.

Suisang, Jardine's, March 13.  
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., March 18.  
Hosang, Jardine's, March 23.  
Tilawa, B.I., March 25.  
Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.  
Santhia, B.I., April 2.  
Kutsang, Jardine's, April 7.  
Taima, B.I., April 17.

## CASABLANCA.

Autolyeus, B.F., March 31.

## CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., March 25.  
Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

## COLOMBO.

Khyber, P. & O., March 14.  
Venezia-L. Dodwell's, March 10.  
Athos II, M.M., March 17.  
Antenor, B.F., March 18.  
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Somali, P. & O., March 24.  
Ganga, Dodwell's, March 27.  
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.  
Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 28.  
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

## COPENHAGEN.

D'Artagnan, M.M., March 31.  
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.  
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.  
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 6.  
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.  
Angers, M.M., April 14.  
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

## DALNY.

Linan, B. & S., March 18.  
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.

## DUTCH PORTS.

Khyber, P. & O., March 14.  
Saarland, Jelsen, March 14.  
City of Chester, Bank, March 15.  
Antenor, B.F., March 18.  
Aller, Melchers, March 21.  
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.  
Somali, P. & O., March 24.  
Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.  
Autolyeus, B.F., March 31.  
Kulmerland, Jelsen, April 2.  
Colenz, Melchers, April 4.  
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.  
Annam, Manners, April 5.  
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 6.  
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.  
Oldenburg, Jelsen, April 14.  
City of Khios, Bank, April 16.  
Selandia, Manners, April 10.

## FOOCHOW.

Hsiching, Douglas, March 17.  
Cheongshing, Jardine's, March 20.  
Hsiching, Douglas, March 20.  
Chipshing, Jardine's, March 29.  
Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

## GENOA.

Saarland, Jelsen, March 14.  
Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., March 15.  
Venezia-L. Dodwell's, March 10.  
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Ganga, Dodwell's, March 25.  
Kulmerland, Jelsen, April 2.  
Colenz, Melchers, April 4.  
Formosa, Gilman's, April 4.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.  
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.  
Oldenburg, Jelsen, April 14.  
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

## GLASGOW.

Antenor, B.F., March 18.  
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.  
Autolyeus, B.F., March 31.

## GOTHENBURG.

Formosa, Gilman's, April 4.

## HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., March 14.  
Kiangchow, B. & S., March 27.

## HAMBURG.

Saarland, Jelsen, March 14.  
City of Chester, Bank, March 15.  
Antenor, B.F., March 18.  
Aller, Melchers, March 21.  
Somali, P. & O., March 24.  
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Colenz, Melchers, April 4.  
Formosa, Gilman's, April 4.  
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 6.  
Oldenburg, Jelsen, April 14.  
City of Khios, Bank, April 16.  
Selandia, Manners, April 10.

## HAVRE.

City of Chester, Bank, March 15.  
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.  
City of Khios, Bank, April 10.

## HONOLULU.

Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 18.  
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.

## JAPAN PORTS.

Karmala, P. & O., March 14.  
Touner, B.F., March 14.  
Oldenburg, Jelsen, March 16.  
Teiching, B.F., March 16.  
Angers, M.M., March 17.  
Glentue, Jardine's, March 17.  
Kutsang, Jardine's, March 17.  
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., March 18.  
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., March 18.  
Tai Yang, Dodwell's, March 18.  
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 18.  
Soudan, P. & O., March 19.  
Ermland, Jelsen, March 20.  
Toyoaka Maru, N.Y.K., March 23.  
Anchises, B.F., March 24.  
Franken, Melchers, March 24.  
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., March 24.  
Rajputana, P. & O., March 27.  
Taima, B.I., March 27.  
Burgeland, Jelsen, March 28.  
City of Athens, Bank, March 29.  
Calchus, B.F., March 30.  
Felix Rousell, M.M., March 30.  
Nanking, Gilman's, March 31.  
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, March 31.  
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.  
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.  
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, April 8.  
Nellor, E. & A., April 6.  
Ixion, B.F., April 6.  
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.  
Kalyan, P. & O., April 10.  
Pembrokehire, Jardine's, April 10.  
Takada, B.I., April 10.  
General Metzing, M.M., April 13.  
Trave, Melchers, April 17.

## JAWA PORTS.

Tibadati, J.C.J.L., March 17.  
Tjondari, J.C.J.L., March 24.  
Tjikembaug, J.C.J.L., March 31.  
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., April 7.  
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., April 14.  
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., April 21.

## KEELUNG.

Resolute, Jelsen, March 23.

## LIVERPOOL.

Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., March 15.  
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.  
Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.

## LONDON.

Khyber, P. & O., March 14.  
City of Chester, Bank, March 15.  
Venezia-L. Dodwell's, March 10.  
Antenor, B.F., March 18.  
Aller, Melchers, March 21.  
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Annam, Manners, April 5.  
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Karmala, P. & O., April 11.  
Oldenburg, Jelsen, April 14.  
City of Khios, Bank, April 16.  
Selandia, Manners, April 10.

## MANILA.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar, March 14.  
Tibadati, J.C.J.L., March 17.  
Taiping, B. & S., March 20.  
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., March 21.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 22.  
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 24.  
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.  
Pres. Taft, Dollar, March 28.  
Tjikembaug, J.C.J.L., March 31.  
St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.  
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 2.  
Colenz, Melchers, April 4.  
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., April 14.

## MARSEILLES.

Khyber, P. & O., March 14.  
Saarland, Jelsen, March 14.  
Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., March 15.  
Athos II, M.M., March 17.  
Antenor, B.F., March 18.  
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Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

## NAPLES.

Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Javanese Prince, Furness, March 24.

## NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Taketo Maru, N.Y.K., March 12.  
Tai Yang, Dodwell's, March 18.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Javanese Prince, Furness, March 24.  
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.  
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.  
Japanese Prince, Furness, April 7.  
Taybank, Bank, April 7.  
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.  
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

## NEWCHANG.

Linan, B. & S., March 10.

## NORTH CHINA PORTS.

Franken, Melchers, March 24.  
Fulda, Melchers, April 6.  
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.  
Trave, Melchers, April 17.

## PAKHOI.

Kingyuan, B. & S., March 14.  
Kiangchow, B. & S., March 27.

## PANAMA.

Tai Yang, Dodwell's, March 18.  
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.  
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.  
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.

## PENANG.

Suisang, Jardine's, March 13.  
Khyber, P. & O., March 14.  
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., March 16.  
Antenor, B.F., March 18.  
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, March 22.  
Hosang, Jardine's, March 23.  
Somali, P. & O., March 24.  
Tilawa, B.I., March 25.  
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., March 27.  
Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.  
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.  
Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.  
Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 28.  
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

## PESHAWAR.

Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.  
Santhia, B.I., April 2.  
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.  
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 6.  
Kutsang, Jardine's, April 7.  
Taima, B.I., April 17.  
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

## RABAT.

Ermland, Melchers, March 10.  
St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.

## RANGOON.

Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., March 16.  
Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.

## SAIGON.

Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., March 15.  
Athos II, M.M., March 17.  
D'Artagnan, M.M., March 31.  
Angers, M.M., April 14.

## SANDAKAN.

Hinsang, Jardine's, March 13.  
Mausang, Jardine's, April 4.

## SAN FRANCISCO.

Tai Yang, Dodwell's, March 18.  
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 18.  
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, March 24.  
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.  
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.  
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.

## SEATTLE.

Touner, B.F., March 14.  
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., March 17.  
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., March 20.  
Pres. Taft, Dollar, April 5.  
Ixion, B.F., April 6.  
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., April 19.

## SHANGHAI.

Kiangchow, B. & S., March 13.  
Taiyuan, B. & S., March 13.  
Karmala, P. & O., March 14.  
Kwanchow, B. & S., March 15.  
Shantung, B. & S., March 15.  
Linan, B. & S., March 16.  
Oldenburg, Jelsen, March 16.  
Telosius, B.F., March 16.

## SHANGHAI—(Continued).

Angers, M.M., March 17.  
Glentue, Jardine's, March 17.  
Suisang, B. & S., March 17.  
Kwanchow, B. & S., March 17.  
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., March 18.  
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., March 18.  
Tai Yang, Dodwell's, March 18.  
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 18.  
Tjikembaug, J.C.J.L., March 18.  
Tsinan, B. & S., March 18.  
Waishing, Jardine's, March 18.  
Soudan, P. & O., March 19.  
Ermland, Jelsen, March 20.  
Sunning, B. & S., March 22.  
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 22.  
Toyoaka Maru, N.Y.K., March 23.  
Anchises, B.F., March 24.  
Franken, Melchers, March 24.  
Kwanchow, B. & S., March 25.  
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., March 25.  
Rajputana, P. & O., March 27.  
Danmark, Manners, March 28.  
Burgeland, Jelsen, March 29.  
City of Athens, Bank, March 29.  
Calchus, B.F., March 30.  
Felix Rousell, M.M., March 30.  
Nanking, Gilman's, March 31.  
Yuenan, Jardine's, March 31.  
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.  
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.  
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.  
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., April 2.  
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, April 8.  
Fulda, Melchers, April 6.  
Nellor, E. & A., April 6.  
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.  
Phenias, B.F., April 7.  
Pijana, Dodwell's, April 7.  
Kalyan, P. & O., April 10.  
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.  
Pembrokehire, Jardine's, April 10.  
Takada, B.I., April 10.  
Agammonon, B.F.,



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Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtau	"SUNNING"	On 22nd Mar.	9 a.m.
Swatow, Whampoa, Chefoo & Tientsin	"KUEICHOW"	On 25th Mar.	8 a.m.
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	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	Humidity	Visibility	State of Sky	Remarks	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	Humidity	Visibility	State of Sky	Remarks
Wladivostok	29.80	75.7	SSE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.87	74.0	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	29.70	75.8	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.57	76.0	WNW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hakodate	29.69	75.4	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	75.0	NW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokyo	29.74	75.5	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.86	76.0	NW	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kobe	29.90	75.9	NW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	76.0	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	29.90	75.9	NW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.06	76.5	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	29.98	76.1	NNW	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.10	76.5	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	30.05	76.3	NNW	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.14	76.5	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	30.08	76.4	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.16	76.0	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	29.74	75.5	SW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.92	76.0	W	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	30.12	75.0	NW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.90	75.4	SSW	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	30.17	76.3	NNW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.22	76.6	SSE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guangzhou	30.26	76.8	NNW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.33	77.4	S	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanchow	30.17	76.6	S	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.30	76.0	NNW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Foochow	30.09	76.8	E	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.18	76.6	S	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	30.10	76.4	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.13	76.3	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	30.09	76.7	SE	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.01	76.2	ENE	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	30.17	76.3	NNE	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.15	76.8	ESE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taiwan	30.07	76.7	NNW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.09	76.8	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Pescadore	30.10	76.4	NNE	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	76.9	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	30.04	76.3	NE	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.11	76.8	E	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	30.06	76.3	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.09	76.4	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	30.03	76.2	NE	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.07	76.7	E	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Pratun Island	30.00	76.0	NE	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.05	76.8	E	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratun	30.03	76.7	S	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.03	76.0	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Yap	11.00	29.86	75.4	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	...	29.88	75.9	E	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.81	75.7	E	2	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	75.7	E	2	...	...	...	...	...	...

March 12. 10A. 39m.—The depression has deepened and moved to the N.E. of Japan. A moderate anticyclone is central over the Yangtze Valley. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 1.07 inches against an average of 3.94 inches.

### FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON MARCH 13.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

Forecast.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

### HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 13.

Previous On Date	On Date
Day at 4 p.m.	Day at 4 p.m.
3/13	30.16
3/13	65
3/13	53

Barometer...	30.16	30.6
Temperature...	65	67
Humidity...	53	43
Wind...	E	0
Direction...	E	0
Force...	0	0
Weather...	B	O
Rain...	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 11:07  
Lowest open-air Temperature, 12:01

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

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From March 13 to 19, 1931.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height
Fri.	13	16.14	5.9	00.00	1.9
Sat.	14	06.16	4.3	01.16	1.4
Sun.	15	17.52	6.0	11.30	4.0
Mon.	16	09.24	4.3	02.01	1.1
Tue.	17	19.04	6.2	12.31	3.9
Wed.	18	09.33	4.6	02.31	1.1
Thur.	19	19.54	6.6	13.16	3.6
		09.53	4.6	02.53	1.0
		20.04	6.6	14.00	3.2
		10.13	6.0	03.11	1.1
		21.09	6.7	14.40	2.9
		10.25	5.3	03.41	1.7
		21.42	6.6	15.17	2.6

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